

THE
DODECHEDRON
OF FORTVNE;

OR,
THE EXERCISE OF A
QVICK WIT.

A Booke so rarely and strangely composed, that it
giueth (after a most admirable manner) a pleasant and inge-
nious answer to euery demaund; the like whereof hath
not heretofore beene published in our
English Tongue.

Being first composed in French by IOHN de MEVM, one of the most
worthie and famous Poets of his time; and dedicated to the French
King, CHARLES the fift, and by him, for the worth and raritie thereof,
verie much countenanced, vsed, and priuiledged:

And now, for the content of our Countrey-men, Englished by
Sr. W. B. Knight.

The vse of the Booke the Preface annexed declareth.



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THE FRENCH AVTHOR TO THE READER.



He Curious Superstition of Ancients in old times, desirous with too great Affectation to know Fortunes and Adventures, caused them to inuent and discover an infinite number, or manner, of diuinations, or deuises for the same. As some by the foure elemets, whereof came the Geomantie, Piromantie, Hidromantie & Areomantie: Others by Animals, whereof came the Auspices, Augures, & Aruspices: Others by Idolatrous Sacrifices wherof proceeded the Arioleans, the Pythonisseans, Sorcerers, Vaticinateurs, false Prophets, & such like: Others haue taken Argument or matter of Diuination vpon the shape or delineaments of man, whereof proceeded the Physiognomie, Metoscopie, and Chiromancie: others by Constellation and Superstitious Annotations of Signes, and the houses Celestiall, portending generally thereby things to come; as also particularly vpon the natinitie of any person, the course and successe of his life; Some also by numbers, whereof came a sort of Pithagoriques: and some by the Letters of the Alphabet, or Poeticall verses, as the Homeriques and Virgilians: Others by Figures, Characters, and Inuocation of spirits, as

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Magicians, Necromancians, and the Caballe of the Iewes. Besides a number of waies and meanes by men and euill spirits, the most part of which hath beene most curiously sought and published by the Rabelays in his Pantagouelisme. And although that iestingly, as mockes, hee puts them out, yet neuerthelesse hee speaketh not without a purpose and meaning. There is also yet another kinde of diuination that hath beene used, and that is by lottss, the which hath not beene deemed so ill and pernicious, as those aboue named. For wee may finde that some of the auncient fathers did vse to cast lots for the finding out of matters in question and doubt: And it is also found in the Ancient law, that Iosuah used a lot to discover him that had broken the Commandement of God, which lot fell vpon Acan, who confessed the fact, and was stoned to death. Likewise Saul used a lot, by the which he knew that Ionathan his son had made publike offence, for the which he wold haue put him to death, but the people saued him. The lot also fell on Ionas in flying from the Lord, who was thrown into the Sea and receaued by a Whale. And Saint Matthias was called and Elected by a lot to be an Apostle. And yet neuerthelesse, such kinde of lots, though the Ancient Fathers used them, is now iudicially reprooued and forbidden by the Canon of the Church, for that it might in time, grow to superstition, such as that the faithfull might erre, and become idolatrous to the breach of the first commandement of God. But now againe to retorne to our purpose; I finde that besides the said diuinations and lots, the ancients had diuers playes and Inuentions of Fortune for recreation & pleasure, more then for any certainty or beleefe of trueth they had in them, the which were called plaies of Hazard and Aduenture: as these; The Tessaræ, Talorum, or Taxillorum, Doctohe-dron and Dodecahedron, the forme and fashion of the figure being

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being sundrie according to the diuersity of the play : Not onely in the forme and squares of the dye, but likewise in the markes thereof. For in some there was prickes, or points, in other nume-
rall figures, in some letters, and in some entire words, and ce-
lestiall Signes. For I haue seene the play called the Dodeche-
dron, marked with the twelue Signes of the Zodiaque, in the
throwing whereof they were perswaded of some truth or cer-
taine euent to their demaund. But I will not so perswade you.
Because it cannot bee so, that these sports of lots, dice, or such
like things of chance which we vse, can bee such or like those
which the ancients used, which they termed Tessara and Ta-
lorum, notwithstanding that the forme and figure be the like.
And yet I am perswaded that then with them, if there had
not bin more matter of effect then in these we vse, they had not
beene so curious, nor used them so much. For it is found writ-
ten in the life of the Emperour Claudius Cæsar, that he was
so affectionated thereto, they caused to bee made, or himselfe
made a booke thereof. Also Augustus Cæsar, was blamed
for too much spending his time thereabouts. Plato in his
dialogue of the Republique, doth there so esteeme or extoll his
play of Talorum, that hee maketh comparison of it to the life
of man. Therefore I will not take vpon mee to shew you the
manner of Octohedron, an Dodecahedron as the ancients v-
sed them. For I must freely confesse vnto you, I am ignorant
thereof. But for this play called Dodechedron of fortune, The Au-
thor of the
play called
Dodeche-
dron.
It is the meere inuention of one Master Iohn de Meum,
one of the most famous French Poets of his time, the which
hee dedicatd and presented to King Charles the fift then
King of France, as I found by an Ancient Superscription
in the booke, when first I found it in a librarie of a friend of
mine, who as well for the antiquitie, as the raritie of the
same made great account thereof, keeping it being a written
A booke

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booke euer secret to himselfe, untill that overcome by my request he was content to let it come abroad, & for that we wanted the knowledge and direction of the die being strange, and the authours direction therein; wee were forced to seeke by the frequent communication of manie Doctors, for the use and discoverie thereof. The which by the onely industrious labour and learned Search of the worthie Master Iohn Morcau, Signieur of Monliger, both the use of the dye, and manner of the booke was found, as hereafter. Then first concerning the Authour Master Iohn de Meum, it is knowne that he was one of the most famous in the practise of the Mathematickes and Philosophie of his time. And so concerning this his booke hee hath proceeded therein according to Astrologie, diuiding the questions into twelue chapters answerable to the twelue houses celestiall, directly obseruing the properties and significations of them: for euerie chapter or rather house, hee hath propounded twelue demaunds or questions. And the booke contayning twelue replies or answeres to euerie one, so that the Questions are in all 144. And the answers are to them in all 1728. If I should hereupon take occasion to describe vnto you the Significations and properties of the celestiall houses, and what planets raigneth in them, it would be superfluous, tedious, and nothing at all fit or appertaining to this Subiect. It onely a little shall suffice mee to giue a taste concerning the twelue houses. And to begin with the first house which is called Horoscope Angle of the orient Ascendant, doth signifie the beginning of life and workes. The second Succedent, signifying goods, trafficke, riches, and other things necessary for life. The third is termed Cadent, of the Ascendent, portending Brothers, Sisters, cosens, kindred, associates, Iudges, prelates, and such like. The fourth is called the Angle of the earth, and so hath his signification to fathers

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fathers, possessions, houses, hid Treasures, and things secret. The first house Succedent, being good fortune, signifying sons and daughters, and their inclinations, Embassadors, Messengers, and profit to bee had by husbandrie or land. The sixth house is called Cadent or euill fortune, noting banishment, seruitude, sicknesse, false accusations, and false witnesses. The seauenth house is the Angle of the Occident, signifying mariages, quarrels, warre and things lost. The eighth house Succedent, the house of death, doth signifie sorrow, troubles, long torments, poysons, and qualities of death. The ninth house Cadent of the orient Angle, the house of God, doth signifie voiajes, nauigations, faith, religion, ceremonies, diuinations, dreames, prodigies, and presages, of diuine punishment. The tenth house called the heart of the heauens, or the Meridionall Angle, signifieth honour, dignities, gouernment of Kings, and great men. The eleauenth house being Succedent, Meridionall or the good Angle, signifieth loue, companie, good Aduentures, fauour, aide, and succors. The twelfth and last house, called Cadent meridionall, or the euill spirit, doth signifie and denote Enemies, prisonings, Captiuities, vengeance, treasons, deceauings, horse to sell, and a consummation of the persons inquired for, which twelue houses the Ancients of olde time compiled together in these verses following,

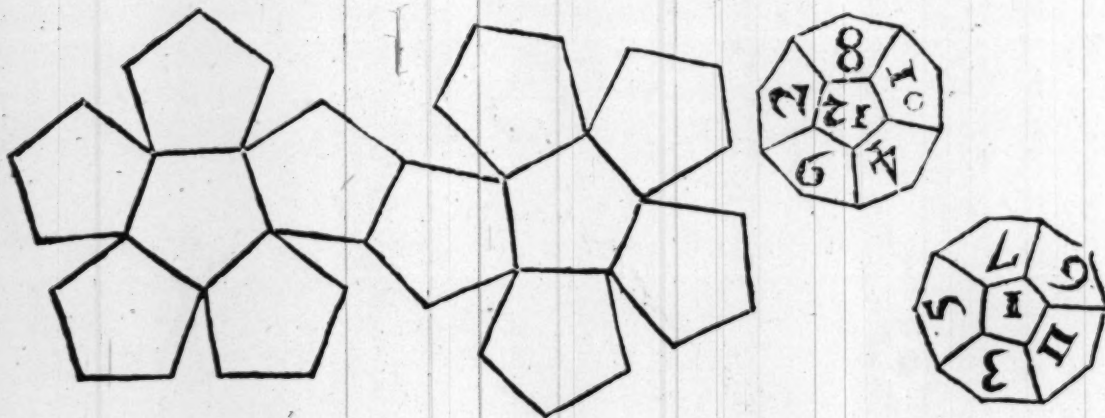
Natus, Vinci, Fratrem, Filium, Infernus, Vxorem
Mors, Ambulat, Regnat, Fortuna, Incarceratur.

And thus it appeares that the Authour hath appropriated his questions to the propertie and qualities of these houses, the which are very cunningly found by meanes of this dye, called Dodecaedron or Dodechedron. By the which in my iudgement this sport is as subtil and ingenuous, as the points of the geomancy. And that you may the better vnderstand the fashion and manner of the dye, it is a geometricall bodie, composed

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he forme
of the Dic.

of twelve faces, or sides, which are Pentagones directlie equal, for otherwise it would neuer fall perfect: the which sides or faces must bee ioined together close and equally, as in the Figure following heere vnder appears, the which cut in squares and then ioined together, carrying the one peece to the other, the body, called Dodecaedron or Dodechedron, will bee a geometricall figure, like vnto the lesser peeces heere vnder.



This figure Dodechedron was much celebrated among the Ancients, comparing it vnto the round circle of the world or heauens. For like as in it is contained twelve Signes, diuided in 360. degrees, so this Dodechedron is composed of twelve faces, Pentagones, euerie one of which doth part or diuide it selfe into five Isopleures, or triangles. Then those againe subdiuided into six scalenes, which are triangles vnequall; Added together make iust 360. Scalenes. And thus being performed, this must be obserued, for making the numbers on the dye, which is, that euer the 2. sides opposed containe thirteene together, so that if the vndermost bee marked with eight, then the vppermost must be five: if with nine, then the other with foure: if with twelve, then the other with one, and so of the rest.

The order
of the play

And now let vs beginne to shew you the order of the play, which will bee verie easie to doe, if you but obserue and marke
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the directions. Therefore you must first note that there is twelue leaues, vpon the which are twelue chapters containing the questions which any one may enquire for, being diuided into twelue spaces. Now if you desire to know the answere or fortune of any of the said questions, then obserue precisely in which of the said houses your demaund is in: for euery of the said leaues are numbred at the top: then you must obserue which of the spaces you haue chosen, for they bee numbred in the margent: then keeping in your memory the said 2. numbers, first of the house, then of the question; with these two numbers resort to the table, which on the other side is prepared for that purpose, being square containing twelue diuisions, or spaces both waies, which is 144. spaces in all. Then you shall find another particular number written, which begins at the vpper corner on the left hand, & goes down thwart to the lower corner on the right hand, continuing his number to twelue, which are the numbers of the twelue houses. So that first seek among these numbers the number of the house where your question was, and there set your finger or marke it wel: then remember your second figure as I told you before, which is the number of the space in the houses chapter, that your demaund is in. And with this beginne at your number where you held your finger, and what number soeuer it bee you must call it one, and so tell forward the squares toward the right hand, untill you haue told to the number of your question, or so manie squares, as the number of your question was; Saying, 1. 2. 3. 4. and so forth, for you know the number of your question cannot excede twelue. Now if it chance that the house be in the middle of the square, as is the figure 6. or 7. and that you haue told to the end of the last Square, you must then goe on to the other end of the same space, continuing your telling untill you come to the number of your question, I meane,

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to tell so many roomes or squares, as the number of your question was. So that if your number were the 5. or 6. you must tell 5. or 6 squares from the number, counting it for one, till you come to your number, and there now againe rest your finger, for that you haue done with the first square. And now for your chaunce throw the dye Dodechedron, and marke truly what number stands uppermost on the dye. And then in the table where you held your finger, say one, telling downwards in the spaces, as before you did thwart or side-waies betweene the lines, and so continue telling untill you come to the number that was on the dye. And if you come to the bottome before you haue your number, goe up to the upper end in the same space, continuing your telling till you come as is said, to the number on the die. And there in that square, where your number ends, marke the number or figures that you finde there, for that will be the number of the leafe or folio, where the answer of your demaund stands. And the number that was upon the die, is the number of the verse in that leafe, which will answer directly your demaund.

As for example.

I haue chosen the seauenth house which pretendeith Mariages, and there the fift question, which you shall find to be this following.

Whether there be cause of Iealousie or no.

Here now you see as I told you before, the seauenth house, and the fift questoin. Now goe unto your table for the seauenth house which you shall finde marked in the square ouer seauentie nine, and now proceeding sidewaies towards the right hand, call this Square of 79. but one, then tell 91. for 2. then 103. for 3. then 115. for 4. then 127. for 5. which is the number of your question. And now upon this number
put

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put your finger, and throw the die Dodechedron, which chaunceth with eight upon the top. And now againe beginne at your finger, or the number 127. descending downewards, telling 127. for 1. then 128. for 2. then 129. then 130. then 131. then 132. for 6. then being at the last, goe up to the top to 121. for 7. and 122. for 8. which is the number you seeke for, therefore goe to the leafe 122. the 8. verse which is there thus.

122 { Be not Ielous nor misdoubt not thy wife, } 8
 { For thee shall be true all daies of her life. }

By this example the rest are easily practised to answer you truly your demaund. But how direct I cannot say, for the intent is only for pleasure. So that if by chaunce it hit right and say true, yet adde not the more beleefe, for it is vnpossible but that in so many questions and replies, some must hit. And if also it be apparant amisse, be not offended, for the intent is only for pleasure. And concerning the strange words which are at the top of euery leafe. I know not the meaning nor what language they are, hauing found them in the first originall from the Authour, so that I esteeme them inuented words, rather then to signifie any import. And because I so found them I haue set them downe, least any other might perchance finde more in them then I can. And so with my labours for thy pleasure, and my good will to thy acceptance,

Inter Vtrumque,

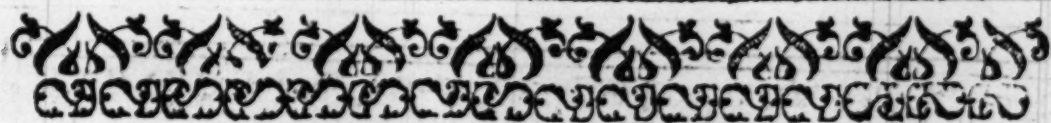
I rest.

The Translator to the Reader.



As it is easie to imitate: So may the youngest Scholler of good utterance, deliuer the learnedst Oration, that euer was penned, by the grauest and most eloquentest Orator. The painter also with small skil may pomeis out his patterne, to make his picture like the principall. And so may any imbossed forme be cast in a mould, to shape the same as it was from the first hand in these sights. Some Commendations the doer may deserue: Yet far from the merits of him, whose learned schoole was first the author. But as Theseus hauing conquered the Minotaur, remained inclosed in a laberinth, and thereby unable to get out and manifest his victorie to the world: So my selfe hauing subdued sloth, by reading, thought my victorie to be but vaine, unlesse I could come forth to encourage others by my successe: wherefore with Theseus, I haue but wound up Ariadnes clew or bottome, and so proceeded by the threed, to translate so neere as I could this most pleasant and ingenious worke, written first by Mr. Iohn de Meum a famous French Poet, wishing it had rather bin by some other then by me perfected, whose learned skill and scope of words, might haue adorned the same, for the more pleasant recreation to the Reader. But because my intent was no farther then for the pleasure of some my familiar friends, I only to giue them content, haue with ordinary phrases performed the translation the best I could, crauing therefore if it wander beyond my expectation, that then the gentle Reader will excuse me, in my errors, and rather be silent, then reprochfully reprove me, confessing my ignorance, as also my profession of a Souldier to be most unfit to performe the same, as it is worthie for the inuention. And thus, friend and vnacquainted whosoener, hoping thou wilt fauour me to my good meaning, I leaue my labours, and the sport to thy good liking, and rest,

Thine W. B.



TO MEN.



*As forth, my friend, the Dodechedron Dye;
If he hit truth'twill moue thee to delight;
And if it chance that he doe tell a lye,
That is the sport, for thee to laugh out right:
For but to sport, and not for truth, 'twas pend
To giue content, and no man to offend.*

TO BOYES.

*Y Et wanton Boyes, and Lads that doe lacke grace,
Let them not cast, for all will here be showne;
And what he saith, obserue them in the face,
By broken browes unhappie boyes are knowne.
But if they mend, the best is to forbear them,
The Dye saith so, but onely for to feare them.*

TO SERVANTS.

*A Nd Seruants that their Masters doe abuse,
Let them take heed how here the Dye they throw,
For howsoeuer they their faults excuse,
This booke their priu e knaueries all doth know:
Yet honest seruants throw, and greatly care not
What so he saith, but cast the Dye and spare not.*

TO MAIDES.

*A Nd prettie Maides, to cast the Dye forbear,
For hee'll tell all, if you haue done amisse,
Your priuie loues, with whom, both when, and where:
Hee'll make it knowne and if you doe but kisse:
Yet blush not gyrles, but cast couragiously,
If it chance ill, then sweare it is a lye.*



THE TABLE OF THE TWELVE HOUSES.

I Natus.	I 1	13	25	37	49	61	73	85	97	109	121	133
II Vixit.	2	II 14	26	38	50	62	74	86	98	110	122	134
III Fratern.	3	15	III 27	39	51	63	75	87	99	111	123	135
IIII Pater.	4	16	28	IIII 40	52	64	76	88	100	112	124	136
V Filius.	5	17	29	41	V 53	65	77	89	101	113	125	137
VI Infir- mus.	6	18	30	42	54	VI 66	78	90	102	114	126	138
VII Vxor.	7	19	31	43	55	67	VII 79	91	103	115	127	139
VIII Mors.	8	20	32	44	56	68	80	VIII 92	104	116	128	140
IX Ambu- lar.	9	21	33	45	57	69	81	93	IX 105	117	129	141
X Regnat.	10	22	34	46	58	70	82	94	106	X 118	130	142
XI. Fortuna	11	23	35	47	59	71	83	95	107	119	XI 131	143
XII Insarce- tator.	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	XII 144

- 1 Whether nature hath ordained, or no, that the childe shall be of a good complexion. *Beginning of life.*
- 2 Whether or no the childe shall bee deliuered sound of bodie. And be withall of long life. *Beginning of life.*
- 3 Whether or no it shall bee of a good quicke spirit, and haue a good memorie.
- 4 Whether or no it shall pronounce and speake plaine, and so prooue pleasing in speech. *Presages of young ones.*
- 5 Whether or no it shall be fit for studie or other waies to be disposed of.
- 6 What science he shall be aptest to learne and fittest to comprehend. *Naturall inclination.*
- 7 If in learning at the vniuersitie then which of the arts he may best professe.
- 8 If anie one studie in his minde, whether his thoughts shall be good or bad.
- 9 Also whether the thoughts agree with the words or be dissembled. *Of thoughts & cogitations.*
- 10 Whether or no you shall obtaine your desire of what you wish. And in what space it will be had.
- 11 If thou intend a worke whether it bee a prosperous time to begin or to stay yet. *Workes begun.*
- 12 If things begunne shall haue a good successe and a prosperous end, or no.

- 1 Whether your life shal be prosperous or no. } *Of Inclina-*
 - 2 Whether you shall bee rich or no. } *tion.*
 - 3 By what meane or profession thou shalt bee }
rich and prosper best. }
 - 4 Whether thou shalt get riches in thy youth } *Of Riches.*
or in thine age. }
 - 5 Whether thy wealth shall bee by birth, by }
art or aduenture. }
 - 6 Whether thou shalt obtaine thy suite or }
hopes, or no. }
 - 7 Whether, or no, thou shalt be enuied for thy } *Of Hope.*
riches. }
 - 8 Whether the profession hee intends, or now }
vseth, shalbe profitable, or no. }
 - 9 Whether, hauing lent thy money, or other }
thing, thou shalt recouer it againe, or no. } *Of Debts*
 - 10 Whether a desperat debtor shall recouer and } *and Reco-*
content his creditors, or no. } *ueries.*
 - 11 Whether one that is, or shall bee rich, will }
proue liberall, or no. }
 - 12 What shall bee his most delight that is rich, } *Of Libera-*
and wherein he will spend most, } *litie.*
- Whether

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| 1 | Whether Brethren shall loue or no. | } <i>Of Brethrē.</i> |
| 2 | Which of the brethren shall liue longest. | |
| 3 | Which of the brethren shall bee most fortunate. | |
| 4 | Whether or no thy supposed friend & companion be a true friend. | } <i>Of Societie & Company</i> |
| 5 | Whether it shall prooue hurtfull to thee to keepe & frequent the company thou dost or no. | |
| 6 | Whether it be good now to part with company or as yet to stay or no. | |
| 7 | Whether the Iudge be vpright to doe equall Iustice to all or no. | } <i>Of Iudges.</i> |
| 8 | Whether this Iudge being faultie shall be hated or no. | |
| 9 | Whether the prelate or church-man be worthie of his place and dignitie, or no. | } <i>Of Prelates</i> |
| 10 | Whether hee shall religiously gouerne the Church, or no. | |
| 11 | Whether the nurse that giues the child sucke be a good nurse and haue a good brest, or no. | } <i>Of sucking Children.</i> |
| 12 | When it shall bee best weaning the childe from the nurse. | |

- 1 What shall be the cument of good or ill to any one. } *Fortune.*
 - 2 VWhether the reputed father be the right father of the child, or no. }
 - 3 VWhether the father shall liue long to bring vp the childe, or no. } *Of Fathers and succession.*
 - 4 VWhether he shall haue great possessions by heireship or purchase, or no. }
 - 5 VWhether this yeere shall be prosperous for planting, or no. }
 - 6 VWhether fruites of the earth shall bee good cheape or deere this yeere, } *Of Fertillicie.*
 - 7 VWhether the time be good to begin a building, or no. }
 - 8 VWhether the building now ended bee well wrought and well founded, or no. } *Of Building.*
 - 9 VWhether thy pretended purposes are to bee followed, or for a time forborne, or no. }
 - 10 VWhether in the place where it is thought treasure is hid, it be there or no. }
 - 11 VWhether the treasure shall be found, and in what place it is. } *Of treasure and secrets.*
 - 12 VWhether a secret being kept close shall be reuealed, and knowne, or no. }
- 1 VWhether

- 1 VWhether the couple married shall haue children together, or no.
- 2 VWhether of them is in fault if they haue no children.
- 3 VWhether the woman by her bignes be with childe, or no.
- 4 VWhether being with child it bee a sonne or a daughter.
- 5 VWhether your childe shall be giuen to vertue or vice, or his pleasure.
- 6 VWhether being a daughter she shall be religious like a nunne, or to the world a wanton.
- 7 VWhat sport is best to vse for recreation.
- 8 VWhether the messenger to be imploid bee honest, or no.
- 9 VWhether the messenger shall discharge the errand giuen him in charge rightly, or no.
- 10 Whether the newes reported be true, or no.
- 11 VWhether the contents of the letter tend to good or ill.
- 12 VWhether writing of loue, it shall bee best in prose or verse.

*Of getting
Children.*

*The nature
of children.*

Of play.

*Of messen-
gers.*

Of newes

Of messages.

Whether

- 1 Whether a banished man shall bee restored, } *Of Banish-*
or no. *ment.*
- 2 Whether the childe growing to age shall be
free, or liue seruilely, or no.
- 3 Whether thy seruant bee trustie and honest,
or no. } *Of Seruants.*
- 4 Whether it bee good to take a seruant, and
how to chuse.
- 5 Whether the seruant by being honest and
carefull, shall at last be a master or no.
- 6 Whether the diseased shall recouer, or no.
- 7 Whether the disease or sicknesse shall bee
long, or no.
- 8 Whether the Phisition be a sufficient skilfull
practitioner, or no. } *Of Sicknes*
& Phisick.
- 9 Whether it bee fitting thy complexion to
take phisicke, or no.
- 10 Whether the potion giuen by the Phisition
be good for the patient, or no.
- 11 Whether the suspected be a forcerer, or no. } *Of Coni-*
rers.
- 12 Whether the witnesse speake truth, or no. } *Of Witnes-*
ses.
1 Whether

- 1 Whether it be good for thee to marie, or no.
- 2 VWhether shall be thy best to marie a maide
or a widow.
- 3 VWhether being married thou shalt continue
to loue, or no.
- 4 Whether the married couple be loyal the one
to the other, or no.
- 5 VWhether there be cause of iclousie, or no.
- 6 VWhether the child shal be addicted to armes
and warres, or no.
- 7 Whether this yeere there shall bee peace or
warre.
- 8 Whether the warres begunne shall bee short
or long, or cruell and bloodie.
- 9 Whether of the two now in controuersie and
to fight shall ouercome.
- 10 Whether it be good to buye or sell much
now, or no.
- 11 VWhether the thing wanting shall bee had a-
gaine, or no.
- 12 VWhether the sport of hunting or hawking
be best for thee.

*Of Maria-
ges.*

*Of war and
combats.*

Of traffick.

*Of things
lost.*

Of hunting.

- 1 Whether the person you pretend or enquire
for shall liue long, or die soone.
- 2 Whether the partie you pretend shall die
young, or old.
- 3 Whether the partie you pretend shall liue
long and die at home, or in a strange
countrie. } *Of death.*
- 4 Whether he shall die by sicknesse, sword, or
warre.
- 5 Whether by excesse and misdemenor hee
shall aduance his owne death, or no.
- 6 Whether that anie absent or in exile, bee a-
liue, or no.
- 7 Whether his death being a souldier shall be
in the fielde with honour, or no. } *Of absents.*
- 8 Whether of those that now are talking shall
die first. } *Of death.*
- 9 Whether the threpned be affraide and shalbe
in suertie, or no.
- 10 Whether fearing poysoning you may be safe
or no. } *Of feare &
poysoning.*
- 11 Whether fearing thou art poysoned, thou
art or no.
- 12 If a man might chuse, then what death were
best to die. } *Choyse of
death.*
1 Whether

IX.

Carbustaym.

The 9. House.

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| 1 | Whether the iourney pretended shall safely
be performed, or no. | } <i>Of voyages.</i> |
| 2 | Whether the shippe enquired for shall come
safe, or no. | |
| 3 | Whether one readie for a voyage by sea shall
scape the pyrates, or returne without ta-
king, or no. | |
| 4 | Whether he be fitte to bee made a religious
Church man, or no. | } <i>Religion.</i> |
| 5 | Whether the maiden if she might would be a
nunne, or no. | |
| 6 | Whether he bee religious or an Hypocrite,
or no. | } <i>Hypocrisie.</i> |
| 7 | Whether he bee capable and fit for learning,
or no. | |
| 8 | Whether thy dreame be true, or no. | } <i>Significatiō
of dreames.</i> |
| 9 | Whether thy dreame presage good or ill. | |
| 10 | Whether the presages and signes signifie
good or ill. | |
| 11 | Whether by diuination thou shalt know
the thing thou seekest, or no. | } <i>Of diuina-
tion.</i> |
| 12 | Whether iustice or peace shall flourish, or no. | } <i>Of iustice.</i> |

- 1 Whether if thou desire credit and preferment thou shalt obtaine it, or no.
 - 2 Whether it be now good to seeke or sue for any office, or no.
 - 3 Whether thou shalt get credit and riches at home, or in forraine countries.
 - 4 Whether it shall bee long or soone ere thy preferment beginne.
 - 5 Whether thy honour or credit beeing lost thou mayst by deserts recouer againe, or no.
 - 6 Whether it bee now good to vndertake the Princes seruice, or no.
 - 7 Whether a Prince or a great man shall raigne long in honour, or no.
 - 8 Whether he shall raigne in equitie and good iustice, or no.
 - 9 Whether he shall be beloued of his subiects, or no.
 - 10 Whether he shall bee oppressed with warre, or haue peace, or no.
 - 11 Whether hee shall bee liberall and valiant, or no.
 - 12 Whether a King by succession or election be best.
- Of preferment and credit.*
- Of Princes seruice.*
- Of Kings.*
- 1 Whether

- 1 VWhether this yeere to thee shall bee fortunate, or no.
- 2 VWhether thy hopes and expectation shal be, or no.
- 3 VWhether the louer shall enjoy his loue, or no.
- 4 By what meanes hee may best worke to obtaine his loue.
- 5 VWhether the louer be beloued of his friend and loue, or no.
- 6 VWhether calling thee friend and loue, they dissemble, or no.
- 7 VWhether loue begun shall last long, and what shall be the end.
- 8 VWhether of the two loue best, the one, or the other.
- 9 VWhether thy professed friend be so, or no.
- 10 Whether in thy declining state thou shalt haue friends, or no.
- 11 Whether the rich, or poore mans loue bee more best or constant.
- 12 Whether it be thy time now of good fortune or no.

Of loue.

Of friendship.

Of fortune.

- 1 Whether are most thy friends or thy foes. } *Of enemies.*
- 2 Whether he shall ouercome and get the better of his enemies, or no. }
- 3 Whether of thy law matter thou shalt haue a good end, or no. }
- 4 What is the best course to end the proces quickly. } *Of law.*
- 5 Whether the fort or castell besieged shall be got, or no. } *Of siege.*
- 6 Whether it bee fit and good to reuenge a wrong, or no. } *Of reuenge.*
- 7 Whether a prisoner shall get his enlargement, or no. } *Of prisoners.*
- 8 Whether sorrow and grieve shall be asswaged by comfort, or no. } *Of sorrow.*
- 9 Whether he that faine would and also hath a meanes to deceaue thee, shall or no. } *Of deceit & cosenage.*
- 10 Whether any neighbour or companion doe hate thee. } *Of enuie.*
- 11 Whether the horse that they would sell thee is good and fit to buy, or no. } *Buying of horses.*
- 12 Whether the last end of anie man shall bee good or euill. } *Mans end.*

1 Where



Here soeuer you change, it is vnderstood,
Your ill complexion will neuer be good.

- 2 He shall to his credit all things so frame,
That none shall be able to touch his good name.
- 3 Thou shalt enioy thy loue at thy pleasure,
And that verie soone, of this be thou suer.
- 4 By industrie and vertuous education,
He soone shall grow to great reputation.
- 5 She shall be good and chaste in minde and all,
In what estate soeuer her befall.
- 6 Though the sicknesse be great with griefe and paine,
Yet shall it be returnd to health againe.
- 7 For warre which now is likely to be,
Good men shall endure the most penurie.
- 8 This vnlearned asse, is no doctor at all,
And in that art his skill is very small.
- 9 He is not such as thou dost wish and craue,
To bring to passe the thing that thou wouldst haue.
- 10 There is no thing that can turne to thy grace,
But onely this a bare and simple place.
- 11 This nurse I see doth please my minde no whit,
Her milke is nought, and so she is unfitte.
- 12 The miser slaue, a farthing will not spend,
For feare his goods, should faile before his end.

His

- 1 His owne good nature doth him still addresse,
To practise vertue, and such like goodnes.
- 2 By his complexion he doth much incline,
To be of good nature, and so most sanguine.
- 3 Of all his foes he shall see an ill end,
By the good assistance of his true friend.
- 4 For to obtaine it, it shall not be hard.
Yet take hede of falshood least that all be mard.
- 5 After long scrvice, thou then shalt obtaine,
Preferment to honour, and so shalt remaine.
- 6 To seeme to be precise, is no other thought,
But a forlorne bodie, cast off to nought.
- 7 Though that his bodie, in health doe remaine,
His spirit endureth great torture and paine.
- 8 Great Princes shall haue, by their great allpance,
Ther pulking of Mars, and his worst defiance.
- 9 This doctoꝝ in *Theorique*, and practise also,
Is better in pꝛoofe then outward in show.
- 10 This messenger shall doe all thing at large,
Forgetting of nothing, that's giuen him in charge.
- 11 Of wealth and of treasure, ther's store of the same,
But loke well vnto it, you come not to blame.
- 12 This truely is shee for better or worse,
That sure will pꝛoue a very good nurse.

1 This

- 1 This nurse is humorous, and so most fantasticke,
And thereby her milke, will proue most collerique.
- 2 He is most enclined, to aduentures strange,
And so his estate, to pouerty shall change.
- 3 He shall be outrageous, collericke and whett,
If that by reason, they temper him not.
- 4 All his enemies are mightie great and strong,
And so his resistance shall bring but more wrong.
- 5 Thou lovest but labour in so thy pretending,
Then some other where, expect a good ending.
- 6 He careth still more for profit and gaine,
Then for honestie or friend, this is most certaine.
- 7 She shall loue better as all men may iudge,
An honest good man, then a miserly drudge.
- 8 Maruell not at all, though tariance be long,
For he is detayned, and doth thee no wrong.
- 9 We are in great danger, by sea and by land,
To haue great warres, as I vnderstand.
- 10 As phisicke vnfitting, no health thou shalt haue,
For he's but a foole, and an ignorant knaue.
- 11 He shall be thy contrarie, note this thing well,
And therefore thy secrets, see thou doe not tell.
- 12 Forbeare thou a little, and be so content,
But make no pursute, least thou do repent.

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I will

- 1 I will ensure thee hee is there as yet,
But yet for to see, the time will not fit.
- 2 This hath milke good store, and excellent good,
Thou canst chuse no better of flesh nor of blood.
- 3 He lewdly spends all in vices of treachery,
As dicing, and carding, whozing, and lechery.
- 4 This good inclination, doth tend to no ill,
But lendeth & spendeth, with meane & good will.
- 5 By prudence, wisdom, and good discretion,
He shall bee secret and of good condition.
- 6 After thy miserie, thy labour, and paine,
Thou shalt heape by freinds and be well againe.
- 7 Thy honour and fame shall grow by so hie,
That thy great renowne shall live immortally.
- 8 By nature and birth and good inclination,
She still shall be apt to good education.
- 9 Believe not reports, nor be not dismaide,
Hee's sound in person, what ever is saide.
- 10 Peace and truce shall be, wars as now shall slacke.
For trouble spoyleth all, & brings our state to wacke.
- 11 This man is skilfull, most wise and learned,
Sufficient in all, as well may be discerned.
- 12 He shall full well performe his charge and message,
If he be not surpris'd in some strait passage.

- 1 To doe a message discretly and well,
I will you ensure that he shall excell.
- 2 There is store of treasure, I know that most true,
But how to finde it, I cannot tell you.
- 3 If of necessitie you will haue a nurse,
Then passe ouer this, for you cannot haue a worse.
- 4 He will endeuour all that euer he can,
To purchase the name of an honest man.
- 5 He shall of himselfe be euer mutable,
And in both good & ill, pzooue most variable.
- 6 Thy magnimious minde armed with patience,
Shall on thy enemies bzing destroying vengeance.
- 7 This doting nidiot by his foolish desart,
Shall of his faire loue at all haue no part.
- 8 If other wise thou doest not soone pzeare,
Neither honour nor wealth will come to thy share.
- 9 Thence shall she increase with resolute courage,
To serue God deuoutly in honourable marriage.
- 10 Leauē off from seeking to spurne or to kicke,
For if death come not, yet is he very sicke.
- 11 The wars are likely to be of such sort,
That the poozest people shall lie in the durt.
- 12 By boasting and bragging he thinkes for to gaine,
With moze words then wit, when both are but vaine.

- 1 He is aduised, graue, modest, and wise.
As is most apparent in all mens eyes.
- 2 By wise good deseruings and vertuous parts,
He shall gaine the loue of most peoples hearts.
- 3 There was treasure hidden as some men doe say,
But now by peece-meale t'is all stolne away.
- 4 Margery good cow, neither good nor bad,
A little sope milke, is all may be had.
- 5 He spends all he hath in toyes and in bables,
In cardes and in dice, and in playing at tables.
- 6 His verie behauiour as all men shall proue,
Shall gaine him great wealth reputation and loue.
- 7 In respect of his owne most vertuous minde,
All loue shall increase and quarrels shall end.
- 8 His constant minde, that hath so long endured,
Hath loue and pittie from his friends procured.
- 9 His most noble minde despising of shame,
Hath wonne him great credit and eternall fame.
- 10 By inclination he shall proue a better dauncer,
Then to art or learning to be an aduancer.
- 11 As in perfect health he can endure no ill.
But shall haue good fortune attend on him still.
- 12 God shall giue vs by his omnipotence,
This yeere plentie if we haue patience.

1 This

- 1 This yeere you shall haue neither troubles noꝝ war.
But that euery one foꝝ pꝛofit may pꝛepare.
- 2 This medicine oꝝ Phisition hath no great skill,
Unable to helpe, but comming to kill.
- 3 He is sufficient in euerie part,
And shall end thy businesse, to thy owne heart.
- 4 There is treasure which seeking may be found,
But it lyeth hid very deepe in the ground.
- 5 In all mens eyes she doth froward appeare,
Being rude, foolish, and of no good manner.
- 6 He shall moꝛe willingly his good skill spend,
In releuing the poꝛe then abꝛoad to lend.
- 7 This partie shall doe all things at leasure,
But euer addicted to take his owne pleasure.
- 8 By his sweete woꝛd and well plast perswasion,
He shall obtaine where he hath occasion.
- 9 Reare vp thy spirit, be pleasd and so reioyce,
Foꝝ fate hath said thou shalt enioy thy choise.
- 10 By vertuous labours in verie short space,
Thou shalt enioy an honourable place.
- 11 If that she haue bowed foꝝ to liue chaff,
The end will pꝛooue ill, and her pꝛomise displast.
- 12 Whether he be dead oꝝ with sicknesse toꝛmented,
Suppose you the best, and so be contented.

- 1 If that in short space he doe not returne,
His part is full plaid, and you may well mourne.
- 2 It is in war that this must be done,
And then shall last long, I, so it be won.
- 3 This Doctor is not yet sufficient,
To giue a remedie to your patient.
- 4 This messenger for all his double diligence,
Shall dispatch nothing well, nor of importance.
- 5 In seeking treasure you lose but your labour.
Like him that would catch a hare with a taboz.
- 6 This is not of good education.
Seeke out another of better fashion.
- 7 O notorious nigard that to one poore mite,
He shall not imploy one pennie aright.
- 8 Let it not displease that by the complexion,
The child shall be of a wilde condition.
- 9 According to thy nature as thou art inclined,
Many braules and troubles to thee are assigned.
- 10 Prevent the worst by discretion and wit,
And loose not thy time with a foolish fit.
- 11 The heart on couetousnesse is so set,
That all other good it doth cleane forget.
- 12 She shall be deuout and verie religious,
Patient, mild, and verie vertuous.

- 1 For loue verie good, and fit married to be,
As best addicted to good huswiferie.
- 2 He is in good health, lustie and merrie,
And therefore for him you need not be sozie.
- 3 If warres doe happen, I then you assure
A worthy Prelate shall peace procure.
- 4 This man hath wit good store, knowledge, and science,
Therefore you may boldly make experience.
- 5 This is a messenger fit for thy matter,
To cogge, to lie, to faine, and to flatter.
- 6 There is yet good store of treasure and gold,
And therefore to seeke it I with thee be bold.
- 7 This for this purpose is an excellent nurse.
Refuse her not then, lest thou get a worse.
- 8 The fruits shall remaine and continue still,
Unto the heires by testament or will.
- 9 Nature hath here all goodnesse inuested,
So that all vice is absolutely detested.
- 10 Thou mayest dissemble and curse them in heart,
Yet make a good show for their ill desert.
- 11 Thy long seruise shall be well regarded,
And thy honest labours well rewarded.
- 12 For his being gentle, humble and milde,
Honoꝝ shall begin with him, being a childe.

- 1 Be sure that fortune now will leaue thee,
And of all worldly pleasures she bereaue thee.
- 2 Get her a husband let her not be a maide,
For of her chastitie I am greatly afraide.
- 3 The party absent, and from you a stranger,
If he beliuing is yet in great danger.
- 4 There will be wars daily, worse and worse,
Which will cause many their fortunes to curse.
- 5 He is vnwise collericke and not coole,
Rash and a most obstinate lying foole.
- 6 Liue not in hope nor good expectation,
Where there is no signe of good condition.
- 7 Be not deceiued beleue me at a word,
There is no thing there hid thats worth a word.
- 8 Word to deede you know should be a sister,
Yet all is not gould that faire doth glister.
- 9 He loueth better, let be as it will,
To gaine it by troubles war or battell.
- 10 He shall be leane, drie, most founde and spare,
Poore, miserable, couetous and bare.
- 11 By seeking of law quarrels and debate,
Thou shalt soone ouerthrow thy good estate,
- 12 Thou shalt enioy thy loue and sweetest heart,
But take thou heed it turne not to thy smart.

- 1 He shall enioy his loue, with endlesse glæ,
As vertue, honour, wealth, and honestie.
- 2 His sodaine rising high and ouer all,
Shall twise as swift come to a shamefull fall.
- 3 It is not his kinde to be religious;
For being so wanton wilde and vicious.
- 4 He for whom you now enquire is passing well,
Whose happines is such as none can tell.
- 5 This yære with vs all troubles shall surcease,
For our good God hath giuen vs that peace.
- 6 This Phisition is very learned and wise,
To shew him your disease be not precise.
- 7 He shall doe his message sure and politicke,
As one well practis'd with that kinde of tricke.
- 8 There is treasure store, if it could be found,
But it rests not hidden vnder the ground.
- 9 This nurse is good, healthsome and soft as silke,
Her brests are sweete, and euer full of milke.
- 10 By vanitie and such like worldly pleasure,
He shall consume his stocke, his welth and treasure.
- 11 He shall be of a good complexion surely,
Yet no way giuen to loue and letcherie.
- 12 If he haue done euill he must amend it.
If he be wrongd then God must defend it.

- 1 His enemies shall be by him ouerthrowne,
By his secret wisdom to no man knowne.
- 2 Of your loue and desires within short space,
You shall fully enioy fauour and grace.
- 3 Dismay not, but make you preparation,
For you shall attaine great reputation.
- 4 It were better a while to let her grow,
Then yet to let her such secrets know.
- 5 Whether he be aliue or dead doe not inquire,
But rather get him helpe, if you require.
- 6 This yere a new quarrell shall breede vs war,
Which shall proue pittifull and a bloodie iar.
- 7 He is wise, good, and full of honestie,
Therefore impart to him thy secrecie.
- 8 He will not performe what now you expect,
But vpon purpose he will it neglect.
- 9 There is treasure, that is sure a plaine case,
but where it is hid, I know not the place.
- 10 To haue all things plentie, then stay here,
Goe further and fare worse, this case is cleere.
- 11 In all good things his imployment shall be,
Guiding all things vp rightly with honestie.
- 12 Healthsome, lustie, and well he shall appeare,
But youth shall not last him manie a yere.

- 1 He shall not liue in health, nor long endure,
With out great care, he is most hard to cure.
- 2 How good and iust soeuer thy matter be,
The end shall not be pleasing vnto thee.
- 3 She shall loue a man, wise, secret, and graue,
That can conceale the thing that he would haue.
- 4 He shall in the end get credit such store,
And haue more grace then when he lost it before.
- 5 Betwene his outward shew and his conscience,
I am sure there is verie great difference.
- 6 Hauing his curatts most gallant in shew,
He shall fall dead into a graue most low.
- 7 The one and the other are most obstinate,
Whereby the people shall be ruinate.
- 8 If thy disease be coltine and thee offend,
Then take a glister at the lower end.
- 9 If it be to good I scarcely beleue it,
If it be to ill I then dare approue it.
- 10 In the same place where it is said to be,
Seeke and you shall finde it, belceue you me.
- 11 Undertake it not this weeke if you pray.
For the ill season and vn sanctified day.
- 12 Howsoeuer he grow welthie and rich,
His ill in the end, shall be twice as much.

- 1 Without all doubt moſt happie thou ſhalt be,
For fortune is reſolu'd to fauour thee.
- 2 Thou ſhalt liue long in health, in wealth and eaſe,
In honour and all things, that may thee pleaſe.
- 3 From theſe words, how ſo euer thou take it,
Thou ſhalt not worth a pooze dodkin make it.
- 4 A woman that will be euer taking,
Will ſurely endure a good fellowes ſhaking.
- 5 Although in diſgrace thou endure wrong,
It ſhall bring thee credit ere it be long.
- 6 Beleue not his lookes, nor yet his ſmiling,
But ſuune thou the ſnare of his beguiling.
- 7 He cannot endure the cannon to heare,
It is other delights, his heart much cheare.
- 8 The cruell warre ſhall ceaſe and haue a pause,
by the death of him that firſt was the cauſe.
- 9 Giue him no phisicke, for that is but loſt,
He is in good health, therefore ſaue that coſt.
- 10 What euer newes about the towne they tell,
Assure thy ſelfe it is not the Goſpell.
- 11 By art and reaſon thou well maiſt winde him.
And ſeeking the houſe thou there ſhalt finde him.
- 12 If it be a ſonne then to him take heede,
But if a daughter, then haue no dreed.

- 1 At this same time the child for to assure,
Neither time nor season will it endure.
- 2 Many a man shall be his aduersary,
And also fortune shall be in his contrary.
- 3 This same child of whom you doe enquire,
Shall yet liue long but not as you desire.
- 4 For this matter I dare be bould to say,
With gaine thou shalt enioy it euery way.
- 5 You well may cause a tassell gentles flight,
Thzough glaycs and shades, then in a hole to light.
- 6 Of this disgrace which so much doth you paine,
Though you be clere, some tast shall still remaine.
- 7 He is no nouice but well perforce can,
By outward show, to seeme a holy man.
- 8 This party is of too noble a race.
Either to giue ground or quite the place.
- 9 This hot war, as now it is intended,
With most great crueltie it shall be ended.
- 10 If he be not purged well and in hast,
His life is gon, and it cannot long last.
- 11 Be you most sure that be it good or ill,
All is vntrus and this approue I will.
- 12 You may chaunce heerein much for to spend,
Without finding beginning or the end.

- 1 Search towards th'orient and looke well about,
And in an old wall you shall finde it ont.
- 2 If he be two yeare old, then doe what you will,
But take you heede that heate doe him no ill.
- 3 Because he is so soft, kinde, and affable,
His fortune shall be thereto agreeable.
- 4 Assure your selfe of what I now you tell,
He shall liue long in perfect health and well.
- 5 In this thy law and processe I suppose,
Thy charges onely thou art like to lose.
- 6 To be ill shapen, and also ill spoken,
Keepes loue far off without a better token.
- 7 This man in spight of all his enemies,
To his former honour againe shall rise.
- 8 Who would belceue him to be religious,
Should be deuout, and he suspitious.
- 9 Assuredly he is a great colward,
And feares to put himselfe in any hasard.
- 10 Suddenly this war had a beginning,
and as quickly it shall haue an ending.
- 11 He liues most sober and in diet small,
And so shall neede no Physicke at all.
- 12 Without some good cause the seede was not sowne.
Nor without fire was neuer smoke knowne.

- 1 Doe not thinke that I tell you a fable,
For the newes will fall out most veritable.
- 2 T'is hid deepe in the ground in cunning wise,
Just on that side that the sunne doth rise.
- 3 If he haue good strength to eate and drinke,
The worst is surely past, thus doe I thinke.
- 4 If with reason he will be well guided,
Fortune cannot hurt, it is so prouided.
- 5 He shall liue long what soeuer men saie,
But that shall be with much dolor and paine.
- 6 The more you venter the more shall be lost,
For nought shall returne to answer the cost.
- 7 Be vigilant and bould spare not to venter,
For neuer saint heart faire Lady could enter.
- 8 It neuer will him so fortunate hit,
That he may returne to his sound credit.
- 9 Whether Physition, Priest, or Surgeon,
It's not the habit that maketh the man.
- 10 A valiant man can hardly death escape,
If that by battell for honour he gape.
- 11 By garboile and war people are annoyde,
And all the countrie is quickly destroyd.
- 12 Leaue for the present, for onely by nature,
This diseased will gaine both helpe and cure.

- 1 For to purge the season is not good,
The best is to abstaine from too much foode.
- 2 This newes very lickly seemes to the view,
And by all apparances will be true.
- 3 Looke carefully for so it is assigned,
Where first thou dost it looke, thou shalt it finde.
- 4 The childe hath suckt enough with reason,
Yet weane him not in summer season.
- 5 Fortune is so gracious and fauourable,
That he shall be sure to be honourable.
- 6 You shall haue long life happie and good,
Without sicknesse or infected blood.
- 7 For neither riches goods nor yet land,
Enter not the law at any hand.
- 8 To haue merrie dayes and a good life,
See that thou by all not, nor chide thy wife.
- 9 The busie bodie and buzzing flie,
Is soone caught with dishonour to die.
- 10 Tis a prating groome and full of chat,
like a chattering Jay or a Parrat.
- 11 With manie strokes he shall die and end,
If he be not saued by a friend.
- 12 In this great war blood garboyle and strife,
One of the captaines shall lose his life.

1 This

- 1 This great war shall soone haue a good end,
Although the vilde Pope be an vnfriend.
- 2 Take now no phisicke nor let no blood,
Untill the sunne and moone be good.
- 3 If that the newes continue yet a space,
Then is it true in euerie case.
- 4 You shall finde it sure without all doubt,
If that by our art you seeke it out.
- 5 Now weane the childe if so you doe please,
The season is good for health and ease.
- 6 If thou with discretion dost proceede,
Thou shalt be happie and neuer neede.
- 7 By nature hee's like to liue verie long,
If exerce he forbeare himselve to wrong.
- 8 Of this thy demaund I know certaine,
Not all but something thou maist obtaine.
- 9 Pouer her with gifts for so dost thou well,
The woman that buies will surely sell.
- 10 He that lewdly spends his first estate,
Doth not recouer when t'is to late.
- 11 Such as he seemes I know him to be,
Neither more nor lesse but as you see.
- 12 He is well content to see them square,
But in the sight he will haue no share.

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- 1 He is worthie, valiant, strong, and stout,
And shall be slaine in a warlike rout.
- 2 The wars shall last and endure so long,
Till both repent and see their owne wrong.
- 3 If with speede thou purge not, then be sure,
Thou wilt be soze sick and past all cure.
- 4 It is a thing false and so will be found,
Without anie truth or perfect ground.
- 5 Seeke while thou wilt I am of the minde,
That thou shalt neuer any thing finde.
- 6 It is not now good time nor season,
Although I shew not here the reason.
- 7 It is against all senie and nature,
That thou should haue now good aduenture.
- 8 He shall die in his flourishing age,
Which doth both griefe and sorrow p̄sage.
- 9 Goe not to the law I thee aduise,
Rather giue th'one halfe if thou be wise.
- 10 Be stout and bould thy selfe to defend,
And so beware of a fained friend.
- 11 Basely he hath lost his name and honour,
Which by no meanes he can recouer.
- 12 Trust not this base fainthearted fellow,
For he is vnconstant weake and shallow.

1 What

- 1 What so he doth is not fained but pure,
He loueth the Church, of this I am sure.
- 2 He shall not die I see by my cunning,
While he is so strong and giuen to running.
- 3 A learned Doctoꝝ shall deale in this case,
And by his industrie conclude a peace.
- 4 To cure nature of humoꝝs repleate,
Of some good Doctoꝝ he must take a diet.
- 5 This your netwes being good and pleasing,
You may ensure them is no leasing.
- 6 His labour is vaine foꝝ getting wealth,
Yet let him be doing, t'is good foꝝ health.
- 7 It is time to weane, if female it be,
But if a boy let him sucke hardly.
- 8 Fortune in th'end will doe thy desire,
Though time doe detract as thou dost aspire.
- 9 He is made of strong and good stature,
And shall liue by foꝝce of his owne nature.
- 10 His plea by pꝛoses he shall obtaine,
Foꝝ good counsell shall his cause maintaine.
- 11 Good behauiour and woꝝds that are milde,
Increase the loue and makes a woman yeelde.
- 12 Honour lost by foꝝtune and mischaunce,
By vertue and wit a man may aduaunce.

- 1 Let him doe the best of his indeuour,
He shall euer liue in great dishonour.
- 2 For all his faire show he is a knaue,
Though he seeme neuer so gallant and braue.
- 3 With weapon in hand he sure shall die,
Arged by others that stand him by.
- 4 This pretended war howsoeuer it sholwes,
Shall neuer end but by bloud and blowes.
- 5 Though thou art sicke be yet not dismaide,
Thou needes no Physicke, be not affraide.
- 6 The newes is like to prooue but a fable,
Inuented by some grosse dunstable.
- 7 Although with labour thou dost it seeke,
Thou shalt not obtaine as yet this weeke.
- 8 Meane not as yet, be not too hastie,
Attend vntill the childe be lustie,
- 9 If thou take care as it doth require,
Fortune shall helpe thee to thy desire.
- 10 He is not shaped long life to haue,
For pleasure shall speed him to his graue.
- 11 Thou shalt haue gaine for so I say it,
In spite of those that doe denay it.
- 12 Set not thy loue on bribing shifts,
Nor on a man for fained gifts.

- 1 I know that I am loued truely,
And I resolute to loue as duely.
- 2 By time he shall proue both wise and sage,
And come to be a great personage.
- 3 Although he seeme most holy to be,
He is nought but craft and subtiltie.
- 4 Thou maist enter so far by follie led,
To returne with thy heeles before thy head.
- 5 Though this garboyle seeme not large,
He that is beaten shall pay the charge.
- 6 If with good guiding thou wilt take heede,
Of Physikes helpe thou hast no neede.
- 7 I will beleue it if it be good,
If it be nought, then not by the roode.
- 8 On the left hand towards Occident,
Thou shalt finde it there incontinent.
- 9 The time to weane is good if thou so desire,
And both the child and age doth it require.
- 10 Thou shalt be happie as I foresee,
With good fortunes and prosperitie.
- 11 Weakely engendred and of ill seede,
And so short life to him is decreede.
- 12 He thinkes to gaine but shall haue the losse,
For the true honour he shall losse.

- 1 The end of thy pretended law,
Shall shortly to good agreement draw.
- 2 Making thy humble request and desire,
Thou shalt on his head bring a hot fire.
- 3 By meanes of his friend and their great fauour,
He shall be remitted to his great honour.
- 4 He is most deuout in this same case,
To bring the worke well to his true place.
- 5 Peace he doth loue, but wars he doth hate,
He shall die on the land because of that.
- 6 The wars is great and so the season,
Doth both pzelage a doubt of treason.
- 7 If any ill at thy heart arise,
At thy mouth take phisicke I thee aduise.
- 8 Belæue you nothing of this nouell,
For nothing is true that they doe tell.
- 9 Seeke it no moze noz neuer minde it,
For I am sure thou shalt neuer finde it.
- 10 You may weane the childe from nurses teate,
If he haue good teeth to eate his meate.
- 11 Thou shalt haue fortune diuerse and strange,
Sometime good, then bad, and euer change.
- 12 For this same childe thus much doe I see,
It shall liue long in prosperitie.

i This

- 1 This childe it doth most properly fit,
To haue a good vnderstanding wit.
- 2 Your procelle would not be of long date,
But in passing by the golden gate.
- 3 Not one good day she doth approue,
Except she see her sweetest loue.
- 4 Though in good prison thou sufferest,
To liue in libertie were the best.
- 5 He shall loue studie and good doctrine,
For his nature is so inclining.
- 6 He that himselfe doth the best gard,
Shall die the first I thus a ward.
- 7 One of these two though not the stronger,
Shall ouercome him that is the wronger.
- 8 Horseleches and Doctors now and then,
Doe most ouerthrow horse and man.
- 9 These letters haue neither pleasure nor ioy,
But onely sorrow, grieve, and annoy.
- 10 By a Bigamus cunning and bould,
Thy secrets shall be openly tould.
- 11 In all their life there shall not be a day,
Wherein that enuie beares not the sway.
- 12 Thou shalt not great store of wealth obtaine,
Though thou scrap the earth with grieve and paine.

- 1 By loue, charitie and humblen esse.
Thou shalt get thee at last great riches.
- 2 He shall haue according as I write,
A good memoize and a great sprite.
- 3 It is better to come to agreement,
Then to liue as vnfriends and discontent.
- 4 His friendship is most fained and faint,
Now so euer his face with smiles he paint.
- 5 It shall pzooue to thee the most happiest thing,
If thou canst obtaine to serue the King.
- 6 To be a laswyer he wanteth craft,
And of his nature too gentle and soft.
- 7 He that thinke him selfe the most ablest,
Is likeliest of all to die the soonest.
- 8 Some that stands by and heares their flyting,
Shall agree them both without fighting.
- 9 Care not for Phisicke but keeps thee quiet,
And for thy health keepe a good dyet.
- 10 Although that we vpon the earth doe rest,
Yet is not earth for man the best.
- 11 If by wrong words thy friend be offended,
Reueale the truth and all shall be ended.
- 12 There shall be among them great dissention,
But in the end a good conclusion.

- 1 These two brethren, as seemeth to me,
Are likely neuer to loue and agré.
- 2 Thou shalt no great matter of wealth obtaine,
But rather spend thine owne in baine.
- 3 He shall be politike and ingenious,
And somewhat giuen malicious.
- 4 Take my counsell, for agré thou must,
For vnfriends are dangerous to trust.
- 5 Thy best fortune lyeth in thy purse,
Then beware it growes not worse and worse.
- 6 All thy seruice, and their faire speaking,
Shall cleane be dashed by a glasse breaking.
- 7 He is to melancholie so inclined,
That imployment for him were best assigned.
- 8 He that his speach doth first aduance,
Shall be the first man to lead the dance.
- 9 The challenger hath bene too credulous,
Let him take heed, for it is dangerous.
- 10 If thou wilt haue thy health, and not be sicke,
See that at thy mouth thou take no physicke.
- 11 The letter containes no other content,
Then peace, quietnesse, and good agrément.
- 12 Trust to thy selfe, so shalt thou doe well,
And see that thy secrets thou none do tell.

- 1 The thing shall be sure, and well conceal'd,
And neuer shall be to any reueal'd.
- 2 They shall be friends, and so remaine,
Till some set strife between them againe.
- 3 Thou shalt be rich, with plenty and store,
Except thy selfe hinder it the more.
- 4 He shall be gentle, soft, and most affable,
And to all mens minds agreable.
- 5 It is not Kings, or lordly liuers
Hath such effect as lordly giuers.
- 6 She loues thee a litle, iust at the halfe,
If thou loue more, thou'lt proue a Calfe.
- 7 As the world goes now for a franke man,
Let him leaue the Court and if he can.
- 8 He shall be wise, a louer of Science,
And in all his deeds beare a good conscience.
- 9 He that is wauering, and must vnstable,
Shall first fall to be most miserable.
- 10 If that the challenger pursue his right,
The world shall witnes his valour and might.
- 11 What he appoints, shall proue most profitable,
As being a medicine most notable.
- 12 His better is idle, vaine, and double,
And in the end will stirre vp trouble.

- 1 Doubt no whit the contents of this letter,
For there can no way be w^{it} a better.
- 2 The thing was so well concluded and done,
That the secret was neuer knowne to none.
- 3 These two brethren shall loue well and long,
Till one of them chance to doe th'other wrong.
- 4 If thou proue prompt, so^{ward} and diligent,
Thou maist well rise to great preferment.
- 5 He shall be excellent for courage and sp^{ite},
And in memo^{ry} shall be his chiefe delite.
- 6 Follow, cease not, but be importunate,
And in the end thou shalt be fortunat.
- 7 There is seldome found in so great beauty,
A firme chaste minde, with constant honestie.
- 8 There are many now that serue the King,
Still malecontent at euery thing.
- 9 Because his mother hath made him a foole,
He neuer will proue to profit at the schole.
- 10 You that thinke you are very well preferred,
Shall be eare long in your graue interred.
- 11 I thinke that by friends they shall agree,
And so liue together in amitie.
- 12 What so he points, is nothing woth,
Therefore I le giue nothing in good soth.

- 1 This medicine is good and most excellent,
Take it then by the Doctors appointment.
- 2 Feare not this ill hap, for I thee assure,
It shall no harme to any man procure.
- 3 I know not who should the same unfold,
But in the end it will be told.
- 4 They both shall live in love without any hate,
Untill for goods they fall at debate.
- 5 For beare a little, the better to assayle,
And then to get goods thou canst not faile.
- 6 This child shall be passing apt, wise, and bpright,
Angenious, stout, and of a good sprite.
- 7 For a present speed, and the best shift,
Is freely to giue some good gift.
- 8 Thou art beloued, therefore it is iust
To shew thy selfe kind, for love thou must.
- 9 It is best by seruice and behauour,
To seeke to purchase love and fauour.
- 10 He is so prompt, and of so good a wit,
That for a Secretarie he will be fit.
- 11 The youngest, and finest among you all,
Shall be sicke, then dye, and so soonest fall.
- 12 Both of them seeking for reuenge still,
Are like to be in daunger and perill.

1 This

- 1 This assaylant shall haue the victorie,
And so obtaine both honour and glozie.
- 2 Suffer him not to take any blood,
But other Physicke will be verie good.
- 3 It is a letter of ordinarie sort,
And therefore to no man is of import.
- 4 Thy faults were good to be concealed,
But they will at last with shame be reuealed.
- 5 These two brethren for all their estate,
Shall neuer agree but liue in debate.
- 6 Thou shalt haue goods and riches competent,
And liue happie with good contentment.
- 7 He shall be of vnderstanding and capable,
But his memorie shall be verie feeble.
- 8 It were better in time to quit it,
Then with trouble so long to sollicit.
- 9 Because thou art wise politicke and rich,
They will faune and flatter and loue thee much.
- 10 Enter not the Court like a pzentise pooze,
For the great the little doe still deuoure.
- 11 I like it well so they imploy all thing,
In the end to get knowledge and learning.
- 12 Trouble not thy selfe for it is oft told,
That as soone goes the young sheepe as the old.

- 1 He among the rest that is of leſt age,
Shall get aboue others great aduantage.
- 2 If they doe fight the quarrell to trie,
The defendant ſhall haue the victorie.
- 3 I will aduiſe you and this counſell giue,
Take heed and at no hand doe it beleue.
- 4 This your letter containes ſuch ill gère,
As if neither pleaſant nor good to heare.
- 5 The thing will be diſcouered moſt plaine,
Therefore neuer expect the loſſe or gaine.
- 6 The two brethren of whom you ſo inquire,
Shall verie hardly agree together.
- 7 By his couetouſneſſe and foolerie,
He ſhall fall to extreame pouertie.
- 8 Unto this childe nature doth ordaine,
Excellent memorie and a quicke bzaîne.
- 9 He that ſhall be a good ſoliciter,
Will get the iudgement in an houre.
- 10 Concerning this woman I am of the minde,
That at length to loue thee ſhe ſhall be inclinde.
- 11 To be in ſuch ſervice thou canſt not leſe,
Being better then libertie by many degrees.
- 12 He ſhall proue wiſer then other men,
Either to ſpeake well, or write with his pen.

- 1 He shall be gentile, and to vertue incline,
And for learning subiect to discipline.
- 2 Of these two friends the best and greater man,
Shall be the first dead doe what he can.
- 3 They haue no desire to fight certaine,
For both are affraide and feare to be slaine.
- 4 If thou beest tender thou then maist forsake it,
And thy stomake not good at no hand take it.
- 5 Why shouldst thou be angrie to hinder thy diet,
There is no cause but thou maist be quiet.
- 6 Thy secret is kept close assure thy selfe,
For the man is prudent, and no babling else.
- 7 They are of good nature to peace inclinde,
And that they will loue, it is my minde.
- 8 Destinie hath ordaind thy fortune such,
That beyond all measure thou shalt be rich.
- 9 Except nature deceiue me, he shall be wise,
Prudent, politicke, and most precise.
- 10 If the iudge seeme crosse and be in a rage,
Then Gould is best his furie to swage.
- 11 Retire thee then leaue and take my counsell,
Such loue is like a wet æle by the tayle.
- 12 Accept the seruice and be officious,
For it is good and will be prosperous.

- 1 If thou beest wise then maist thou beleue me,
To keepe thy owne house is best for thee.
 - 2 It were not good but an vnfit thing,
To put this childe to any learning.
 - 3 Draw cuts, for the best shall proue worst,
And he that drawes it shall die the first.
 - 4 This swaggering swaine if his mallice extend,
Will be sure to obtaine the worse in the end.
 - 5 This medicine which the Doctoꝝ doth ordaine,
If it be well mixt shall be good certaine.
 - 6 His message seemes to be of such import,
As presages rather sorrow then sport.
 - 7 It will be knowne though awhile it delay,
For a bablers tongue no man can well stay,
 - 8 These brothers are both of them to blame,
That to liue still and loue they cannot frame.
 - 9 By his extortion rich he shall grow,
But in th'end it shall melt away like snow.
 - 10 This prettie one shall neuer trouble schoole,
But rather proue a naturall foole.
 - 11 Follow thy cause well if thou be wise,
For I see iustice hath blinded eies.
 - 12 Retire thy selfe betime from his person,
For his loue will proue to thee but treason.
- 1 Though

- 1 Though thy loue be feeble and without remoyce,
His loue rests violent and of great force.
- 2 It is not for thee the readiest way,
To serue in Court,marke what I say.
- 3 He is by nature a little obdure,
Yet prone to his booke,of this be thou sure.
- 4 He that in this his fortune doth craue,
Is likeliest the first to be in his graue.
- 5 Feare not how angrie so euer thou see them,
For I am sure their friends wil agree them.
- 6 This medicine being so laratiue,
Will proue to thee falscheous and coziue.
- 7 Be bould,for it will proue as good agen,
There is nothing equall to the loue of men.
- 8 This thing being secret and neuer knowne,
Is vnpossible euer to be showne.
- 9 They shall as I thinke be each to other,
As kinde and louing as brother and brother.
- 10 There is great riches surely ment him.
Except some mischance hap to present him.
- 11 He shall be good by his inclination,
But youthfull tricks,shalbe his destruction.
- 12 Without the lawyer get some present,
Your sute will faile incontinent.

- 1 If thou wilt belæue the oath of his partie,
No doubt but the quarrel wil then sone agré.
- 2 He is well loued and so it shall proue,
So long as there may be still loue for loue.
- 3 As he goes forward he shall haue good lucke,
Seruing the welthy that haue store of mucke.
- 4 I am perswaded and that you shall see,
He will proue aptest to Philosophie.
- 5 He that now seemes best in all your eyes,
A thousand to one but first he dies.
- 6 The challenger is valiant and stout,
And will haue reuenge there is no doubt.
- 7 Take heede that what he appoints be not such,
As by working it weaken you not to much.
- 8 There is no vrgent cause for ought I know,
Except some bargaine or monie I owe.
- 9 The thing may be secret hushd and still,
And so knowne to none except you will.
- 10 These two of seuerall humours shall be.
And yet for shame they both shall agré.
- 11 Be nigardly still and spare nere so much,
It is vnpossible thou shouldst be rich.
- 12 He shall be so fantasticke and so wilde,
As is not likely to be reconcilde.

- 1 He shall neuer, neither old nor young,
Obtaine to speake with a flowing tongue.
- 2 By long seege and staying a great sort,
The enemy at last shall get the fort.
- 3 Hee loues thee well although he seeme strange,
Yet shall his loue from thee neuer change.
- 4 He shall long raigne most maiesticall,
To the ioy and loue of his subiects all.
- 5 If sleeping thy dreame force thee to awake,
It shewes some strange thing I dare undertake.
- 6 Rest in good hope for thou maist be sure,
That they that threaten thee liue in great feare.
- 7 Make no bargaine great or notable,
For it will not be to thee profitable.
- 8 He hath surfeted with eating something,
That at the heart is his great payning.
- 9 I thee aduise to write all in verse,
And with close words thy minde to rehearse.
- 10 This thy purpose, as I vnderstand,
Is like to haue an vnlucky end.
- 11 He that his brother least enuie doth beare,
Is like to liue long and many a yere.
- 12 A schollers flat cap will fit him best,
To get a benefice among the rest.

- 1 By diligent labour and carefull paine,
Great store of wealth and good thou shalt obtaine.
- 2 He shall temper his speech mildly with skill,
And so still liue quiet, go where he will.
- 3 Some good agreement the campe shall discharge,
So all men shall retire and go at large.
- 4 His kindnesse is naught worth, and but a bable,
Because his heart is false and variable.
- 5 He shall liue and raigne long most happily.
Except by some excesse he surfet and dye.
- 6 Thy pleasant dreame with contentation,
Hath none effect or signification.
- 7 Thou art too fiersome, and sone dismaid,
A very small thing will make thee afraid.
- 8 Though that you intend nothing for to buy,
Yet I you aduise to goe speedily.
- 9 That which makes him so sore languish and pine,
Is that he hath tasted of lours sweet wine.
- 10 Lay by thy writing, and be not afraid,
And put thou no trust in a chamber maid.
- 11 This businesse shall haue a good end,
For Fortune is graciously thy friend.
- 12 It is no matter who first die or fall,
For ere it be long, death will haue all.

- 1 They both are in danger, therefore keepe watch,
For death doth intend, them both to dispatch.
- 2 Let him labour and toyle neuer so much,
It will be in vaine he shall not be rich.
- 3 He shall speake brauely with many faire shewes,
But his speech shall be weake & witlesse God knowes.
- 4 This fort shall be had without any faile,
If that some braue souldier chance it to assaile.
- 5 There can no good come, as the case now stands,
If thou put thy credit into his hands.
- 6 This king shall not last or endure long,
For the enemies pursuite is very strong.
- 7 What in the day I haue thought on by chance,
In the night my dreames doe still it aduance.
- 8 Thou art too affraide of euerie small thing,
None walks in a field that feares each leafe stirring.
- 9 Whatsoeuer now to buie thou art bent,
Thou shalt be sure with losse to repent.
- 10 It is not fortune that now I discover,
But a woman that faine would haue thee loue her.
- 11 Put thou no other writing in vrs,
Thy selfe must see it, of this be sure.
- 12 Whatsoeuer meanes thou dost intend,
Thou shalt haue small pleasure in the end.

- 1 Feare not, you haue no cause at all to doubt,
For I am sure the end will fall well out.
- 2 He shall liue longest that is most chaste,
For that his bodie he doth not wast.
- 3 If thou a woman canst content and please,
Thou shalt obtaine wealth though but little ease.
- 4 By iests and pleasant speeches now and then.
Thou shalt get fauour of great noble men.
- 5 Th'enemie shall not obtaine their desire,
But malecontent, disgrac't they shall retire.
- 6 His true loue and fauour is not very common,
For though he seeme friendly he lones but one.
- 7 This King he shall raigne and liue verie long,
But cruell to his subiects doiing them wrong.
- 8 Concerning thy dreame I am of the minde,
It is of import as a pufte of winde.
- 9 Concerning this feare in verie short space,
There will be meanes found to alter the case.
- 10 Buie while they offer you good condition,
For oft time losse doth follow omission.
- 11 Thou needst not for the lot to seeke redresse,
But for the spirit that doth him possesse.
- 12 By message there hath bene wrought such a tricke,
As hath made the woman come at a becke.

- 1 If thou canst finde no better a meane,
The least thou canst doe is to write a ~~me~~.
- 2 Although the course seeme not very lovable,
Yet shall the end be verie honourable.
- 3 We see it by pꝛoofe and euerie day,
That often the youngest goes first away.
- 4 By thy great studie I must confesse,
Thou hast thy wealth with great happinesse.
- 5 We shall speake better with skill and good grace,
Then the lawyer can, concerning the case.
- 6 The fort that now is so besieged round,
Shall be sackt and spoilde and thꝛown to the ground,
- 7 Th'art loued, what loue can doe, thou wants not ought.
Therefore be glad, reioyce, and take no thought.
- 8 In honours bed he rather shall die,
Then to be taken dishonourably.
- 9 This dreame hath no signification,
Therefore he is a fole that thinkes thercon.
- 10 We cannot rest quiet where so he doth lie,
But still is afraide without cause why.
- 11 Whether you intend to buie or to sell,
Doe nothing therein without good counsell.
- 12 It is a melancolious extasie,
That in the end will breed an apoplexie.

- 1 If he be well punished tis for his ill,
And no fortune that helps him theretill.
- 2 Loue letters found doth secrets bewray,
They'r foles that trust them if otherwise they may.
- 3 If th'enterprize be guided true,
A verie good end there will ensue.
- 4 He that hath most good of treasure and store,
Shall die first, leane all, and goe before.
- 5 Thou shalt get thee, by great Lords acquaintance,
Of treasure store and goods great abundance.
- 6 This childe shall speake well with comely cariage,
And in his gesture most seemely mannage.
- 7 If the fort be bittled though they assaile,
They shall neuer get it but by battaile.
- 8 Take no care nor be not ielous,
And of the other be not suspicious.
- 9 This gouernement is but euill begun,
And to increase it nought will be won.
- 10 This dreame importeth and would be wrought on,
And doth deserue wisely to be thought on.
- 11 He shall in surety be re'stablisht againe,
And so by friendship remitted, remaine.
- 12 Neither buie nor sell now as you pretend,
For then you shall rue it soze in the end.

1 Thou

- 1 Thou canst thy selfe better no way aduise,
Then to imploy thy time in marchandise.
- 2 He is neither possesse of spirit nor diuell,
But too long conceald a secret euill.
- 3 Who so puts his trust to inke and paper,
To lose his loue doth put in aduenture.
- 4 The first, the midst, the last, and all the meanes,
Shall still be crost with great inconuenience.
- 5 He shall thinke that he suffers great wrong,
Because for the end he thinketh long.
- 6 Thou shalt be wealthie, but yet at the last,
Poore man, thy faire sunshine cleane ouercast.
- 7 Whatsoeuer you doe t'is all but baine,
He shall haue no good grace, nor yet speake plaine.
- 8 It shall be subdued or ere it be long,
By subtletie or force although it be strong.
- 9 Your friend is not so light nor apt to range,
Nor hath no will for another to change.
- 10 Although he be gentile soft and of good grace,
Yet shall he not last nor stay in his place.
- 11 If with iudgement this dreame you doe expound,
The truth and meaning is easily found.
- 12 If he be afraide let him then not cease,
To make himselfe safe by a iustice of peace.

I

I Thou

- 1 Thou art so fearefull and full of doubt,
That thou shalt scarce keepe thee from the strong rout.
- 2 I say, buy not, whatsoeuer doe befall.
For what so thou buyest thou shalt lose it all.
- 3 He is attainted for a notable witch,
Which will him danger & trouble him much.
- 4 It were farre better, if thou wilt doe well,
Not for to send, but thy owne message tell,
- 5 The thing of which thou wouldest vnderstand,
Doth not seeme likely to haue a good end.
- 6 He that is most loath, and most couctous,
Is most sure to die the first before vs.
- 7 If thou meane to serue and take any paine,
The end shall proue good with profit and gaine.
- 8 In shew and in speech he shall be gracious,
But once moued, proue most audacious.
- 9 Those that doe keepe it are so faint hearted,
That it shall be won, and their goods parted.
- 10 He loues thee little and but to halues,
You know, change of pasture makes fat calues.
- 11 He may continue and raigne a small while,
But at last he shall runne into exile.
- 12 Your dycame is most vaine and meere, but folly,
Therefore take heart, and be not melan collie.

1 This

- 1 This dreame is too true though th'effect be not past,
And though't be not yet, it will be at last.
- 2 Be not afraid though they sême great fighters,
For, commonly, barkers are no great biters.
- 3 The time, the place, and also the season,
Prognosticates profit with good reason.
- 4 Assure thy selfe, that to thy disaduance,
Thou shalt, for this time, haue no ill chance.
- 5 A faithfull louer will still be afraid,
Least his loues secrets should be betwaid.
- 6 Hap what hap may, or let be as it is,
At last I am sure 'twill not come amisse.
- 7 That he should liue longest it sêmes most fit,
Who to preserue his health hath the most wit.
- 8 Be diligent, wise, and haue a good heart,
So shalt thou of riches haue a good part.
- 9 He shall be affable, graue, wise, and kinde,
So that hardly you shall such another finde.
- 10 The Cat that loues sweet milke had neede beware,
And he as wise that meanes to shunne the snare.
- 11 I loue thee well with heart I thee assure,
Then loue thou me, and let thy loue endure.
- 12 The King that hath his heartie Subiects loue,
Is happie here but blessed moze aboue.

- 1 Let him take hēde that he may long be spared,
Foz why his vnfriends, already are prepared.
- 2 Welcēue you nothing what you haue dreamed,
Foz all is lies not to be esteemed.
- 3 Thou hast great feare and not without some cause,
But in shoꝛt while thou shalt be sure at ease.
- 4 Buie thou nothing now, but loke well about,
Foz it is not likely to fall well out.
- 5 Welcēue the sudden healing of this harme,
Appeares to be done by some diuellish charme.
- 6 Send no message as I said befoze,
Foz your owne speech shall effect much moze.
- 7 Advise you well of this same matter,
Foz t'is ill inclinde, I doe not flatter.
- 8 He that foz another hath digged a pit,
May well chaunce himselfe to fall in it.
- 9 By thy great expence each day and houre,
Thou shalt neuer be rich but ever poze.
- 10 Thy gibing and iesting no good affozds,
But to wꝛong others by thy idle woꝛds.
- 11 By famine and swoꝛd a meane shall be found,
To ruine this place, and race it to ground.
- 12 On this fained friend set not thy heart,
Foz he onely, but scoꝛneth foz his part.

1 Thou

- 1 Thou hast a loyall friend that loues thee much,
Therefore thou art bound to him to be such.
- 2 This King hath raignd prudently and with skil,
So God preserve him if it be his will.
- 3 This same strange dreame of which you now enquire.
Unto some great wonder is like to aspire.
- 4 Be not afraide, yet stand well on thy gard,
For all will sure to ruine afterward.
- 5 The time is now verie well inclinde,
To any trade that thou hast a minde.
- 6 It is not chaunce whatsoeuer some say,
But naturall sicknesse, as see you may.
- 7 Write darke misticall short and suttley,
And send by a craftie fellow priuily.
- 8 If wisely you carrie the matter still,
Be sure that haue a good end it will.
- 9 They are in no danger nor perill at all,
Except by excesse they surfet and fall.
- 10 If thou thy doings canst prudently guide,
Then shall great riches, and wealth thee betide.
- 11 He shall in speech be most courteous and kinde,
And beare withall a true generous minde.
- 12 The inclosed are so strong, bould, and stout,
That of the assailants, they neither feare nor doubt.

- 1 They shall not keepe long, noꝛ be able to sheelde.
But foꝛt, and content the foꝛtresse to yeelde.
- 2 Thou hast a good friend, that sure doth thee backe,
And will not let thee by any meanes lacke.
- 3 This king may himselſe moſt certaine aſſure.
He ſhall erelong haue a ſucceſſure.
- 4 Welceme what thou wilt, being by oꝛ in bed,
This dreame is like to put thee in great ſyed.
- 5 Be of courage, and reſolnte, I ſay,
And let no kinde of feare thy heart diſmay.
- 6 It were not amiſſe to part it, and then,
To buy thee ſome poſſeſſion againe.
- 7 It is neither lot noꝛ incantation,
But meereſy a ſooliſh imagination.
- 8 If ſhe can wꝛite and reade, it then were better,
By ſome good friend to ſend her a letter.
- 9 Purſue, attempt, and be impoꝛtunate,
The braueſt mindes are ſtill moſt foꝛtunate.
- 10 He that his ſtudie doth follow the beſt,
God will preferre him befoꝛe all the reſt.
- 11 Fall to ſpeedily, and be not afraide,
Thou ſhalt be rich by marchandiſe and trade.
- 12 He ſhall haue tongue that neuer ſhall lie ſtill,
But yet neuer a wiſe woꝛd ſpeake he will.

- 1 He shall not pzeuaile in learning at all,
Being of a rude wit, and rusticall.
- 2 For thy honour, what so ere come to passe,
Be thou reuenged of that disgrace.
- 3 The lone, be you sure, shall neuer hane end,
That is protested by so good a friend.
- 4 This King is good and of great dexteritie,
Upright, and shall doe to all men equitie.
- 5 This dream which so much doth thee missemper,
Doth pzeuage ill lucke and misaduenture.
- 6 He shall haue good fortune, and so at no season
Be in any danger to die by payson.
- 7 Cease, be wise, and quarrell thou not therfore,
For this is the last, and there shall be no more.
- 8 If this witnesse be bled curteously,
He is like to tell more then the verity.
- 9 By the Father the thing may well be wrought,
If he will haue a childe that shal proue ought.
- 10 Though by the childe done it was neuer,
Tis best to beleue him how so euer.
- 11 For all their valour, brags, and forwardnesse,
They shall purchase neither honour nor riches.
- 12 Neuer doe hope, for neither young nor olde.
Thou shalt not get riches, siluer or gould.

- 1 Thou shalt be happie, and to great wealth rise,
In spight of all thy vnkinde enemies.
- 2 By his inclination he shall be wittie,
Therefore if he should not learne it were pittie.
- 3 Put thy cause to God as the case now stands,
And he will reuenge it without thy hands.
- 4 This loue shall cease and be no more amitie,
By a most dishonest fault and infamie.
- 5 This King shall take counsell and follow the same,
So all his signes shall passing well frame.
- 6 Look well to thy selfe, be bigilant still,
Dreames are not so oft good as they be ill.
- 7 Take thou heede of thy daily companion,
For he may well proue to giue thee payson.
- 8 This thing recover it againe thou shall,
Not onely in part, but obtaine it all.
- 9 He is vpright, iust, and most equitable,
And all his other parts are most notable.
- 10 That shall be sure to haue the chiefe desire,
Which is, good store of children, as they require.
- 11 You may soone perceiue by his looks and fauour,
Who begot him, and is his right father.
- 12 They shall obtaine goods great plentie and store,
But yet few friends to loue them therefore.

- 1 If the eldest his fortune doe enquire,
It shall be good as to his owne desire.
- 2 If thou dost not venter and put to triall,
Thou shalt not be rich I make deniall.
- 3 Doe what you will he shall be a souldier,
And neuer proue fit to be a scholler.
- 4 To be reuenged hope thou not at all,
For thy meanes is too weake, and too too small.
- 5 The end will not proue to thee comm endable,
For both th'one and the other is veritable.
- 6 Contest not with him for it is but vaine,
He will doe nothing but of his owne baine.
- 7 Thy dreame doth giue to thee good assurance,
To liue still in hope and firme esperance.
- 8 For to be affraid you haue good reason,
And take you heed of a false knaue or treason.
- 9 Hereafter looke you well vnto the rest,
That it be not lost too, that is your best.
- 10 This shall to you the best and worst still tell,
Therefore be wise and take to you good counsell.
- 11 They are not well matched, but of an ill kinde,
To get any children this is my minde.
- 12 The father must not be angry in minde,
Although an ill answere here be assign'd.

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1 His

- 1 His mother that brought him vp from the first,
Can the truest tell, his best and his worst.
- 2 If the puer will good preferment haue,
He must to the Court, and there be still bzaue.
- 3 He shall be rich with good prosperitie,
If he would but leaue his wanton letcherie.
- 4 Put him to seruice, for that is the best,
But not to his learning, of all the rest.
- 5 Of all the iniuries, trouble, grieffe, and paine,
That they haue done, he shall reuenge againe.
- 6 This new new friendship grounded from the heart,
Shall neuer be broke, till death them doe part.
- 7 This King is fit, a Monarchie for to be,
For he loues God, Justice, and equitie.
- 8 This dreame proceeds from a vaine idle skull,
And in the end shall of danger be full.
- 9 Take thou no thsught, nor feare not yet to dye,
Thy end shall not come so soon nor suddenly.
- 10 The thiefe you shall get, if with speed you follow,
With search, hue and cry, thoute, seeke and hollow.
- 11 This witness is a very honest man,
It can doe no harme, what so he saith than.
- 12 They shall obtaine, so that the good wife,
Doe her best, and good will all the daies of her life.

- 1 To haue sonnes and daughters be not affraid,
For to ingender you are both well made.
- 2 It is most sure, it hath had a father,
But who it is none knowes except the mother.
- 3 The eldest shall obtaine by his wife.
good fortune and wealth all daies of his life.
- 4 Thou shalt haue riches and great promotion,
When thou in thy minde doest least dreame thereon.
- 5 If he follow studie in his young age,
He shall rise to honour, and great personage.
- 6 Some are so hastie to reuenge their shame,
That they augment disgrace, with a worse name.
- 7 The friendship that is by bribes obtained,
Doth not last long, because it was fained.
- 8 He shall in all places keepe them in awe,
Observing true Justice, according to Lawe.
- 9 This dreame pretendeth good very much,
That the dreamer shall be happie and rich.
- 10 If thou then dost feare any poisoning,
Out of thy owne house eate no kind of thing.
- 11 For any losse had either great or small,
Pine not thy heart, for then thou pinest all.
- 12 This witnesse may chance to prattle too much,
He cannot dissemble he is none such.

- 1 This witnesse for the thing that you desire,
Shall tell the truth, of what so you require.
- 2 They shall haue children store, all in good time,
Before they haue past of youth their chiefe prime.
- 3 He demands nor seeks I see no further,
But that you remaine to him a father.
- 4 If this youth at first well instructed be,
He shall in time rise to great authoritie.
- 5 When all ioy and pleasure seeme to be past,
Then shall thy good fortune come on most fast.
- 6 He hath a good wit, and employd may be,
Either in the Church or in the laitie.
- 7 Truth doth not euer beare the greatest sway,
For often the beaten doth pay the afay.
- 8 Their loue is but vaine and all volupty,
A humour that still doth follow beautie.
- 9 He shall his Subjects loue, and very well please,
By taxes, and tributes, that he shall ease.
- 10 This summe your dreame, if you doe way it well,
Doth enemies, and many mischiefes tell.
- 11 They are in no danger, I sweare by god sore,
Of no kinde of poison, except the pore.
- 12 Forget the thing lost, and be not so sad,
That will not returne, which cannot be had.

- 1 To be each where well sought you must procure,
And then for to finde it you shall be sure.
- 2 All that he doth know he surely will tell,
If that you examine him verie well.
- 3 I know it will be what feare is said,
If you be not too late and they dismaide.
- 4 The mother is wise and hath not misdore,
It is onely the fathers condition.
- 5 The eldest shall haue verie great alliance,
And of verie great men the countenance.
- 6 Temper thy youthfull inclination,
If thou wilt aspire to reputation.
- 7 This will be sure good for no kinde of trade,
It were better that he a Churchman were made.
- 8 It were thy best to God to recommend thee,
For none can better protect or defend thee.
- 9 Such king of lones shall neuer faile them,
But death will be sure for to assaile them.
- 10 That king cannot rule, but is in ill case,
That saileth so by euerie mans compasse.
- 11 This dreame if well you doe it vnderstand,
Declares that you shall haue what you demand.
- 12 If you forbear diet to eate or drinke.
You shall be out of danger as I thinke.

- 1 If you proue rich, wealthie, and opulent,
Then see that of your health you be vigilant.
 - 2 Take you no care for the worst is past by,
Else I am deceived, and tell you a lie.
 - 3 I vnderstand not that anie thing is ment,
That will serue thy turne to any intent.
 - 4 The woman is drie and yet most actiue,
And shall neuer haue childe to liue aliue.
 - 5 This childe shall be I know not yet well what,
Onely I am sure his father him begot.
 - 6 Good fortune shall you sure greatly aduance,
By a good turne that vnlooked for shall chance.
 - 7 It will be late notwithstanding all art,
Ere thou get goods from anie part.
 - 8 This childe will neuer to learning incline,
Therefore to fortune you must it propine.
 - 9 Thou shalt put thy selfe in danger by it,
And yet not be able to reuenge it.
 - 10 This amitie so vndiscreetely done,
Shall not continue, but haue an end sone.
 - 11 Under the shadow of doing iustice,
He shall obtaine to great place and office.
 - 12 This strang dreame wherewith troubled thou hast bin.
Presageth the death of some of thy kinne.
- 1 This

- 1 This thy dreame to me doth plainely p̄esage,
Of some of thy nēere kinne a mariage.
- 2 Be not thou in feare there's none sēkes thy life,
T'is but some vnfriēd that sēkes to set strife.
- 3 Thinke it no losse foz as I vnderstand,
The recoucry shall be soone and easly found.
- 4 This shall tell the truth without anie charme,
Yet would he be loath to doe any harme.
- 5 They shall haue childzen and doe verie well,
Whose beautie and good foztune shall excell.
- 6 The father may well adopt it his sonne,
He is in all points so like of condition.
- 7 The younger by his labour and seruice,
Shall be sure to get a good benefice.
- 8 Both young and old you shall be most happie,
Possessing pleasure, and verie wealthie.
- 9 He shall be apt to reade, and bookes to searce,
And therefore right fit to serue in the Church.
- 10 You may well with honour and credit sēke,
To haue a reuenge if so you doe like.
- 11 But death onely their loyall loues may end,
Foz nothing else shall euer thom offend.
- 12 He shall raigne iust without all villanie,
Pitiful to the good without all tyrannie.

- 1 This King shall be good and of a great minde,
And to his subiects gentle and kinde.
- 2 This thy pleasant dreame in his right nature,
Doth signifie some ill and strange aduenture.
- 3 Thou art afraide of trecherous popsoning,
Thy greatest safety is to keepe waking.
- 4 Of this fortune no farther doe enquire,
For I can say nothing to thy desire.
- 5 This witnesse vrged, and rightly vnderstood,
Is like to say ill, but nought to thy good.
- 6 This woman is not matched verie well,
To haue any increase, this I can tell.
- 7 The father knowes it best, when all is done,
Whether that or no, it be his owne sonne.
- 8 He that most his booke and learning doth ply,
Shall after liuelong and most happily.
- 9 Fortune can him no way to riches list,
Because spending he is such an vnthrift.
- 10 You are abused, and therefore now hearke,
He shall neuer attaine to be scoller or clarke.
- 11 If for thy wrongs amends they doe offer,
Take my aduise, refuse not their proffer.
- 12 By the dissolutenesse of this thy friend,
This your great loue shall soon be brought to end.
I This

- 1 This amitie begun while each hath bzeath,
Shall no way be dissolued, but by death.
- 2 He shall raigne and rule in great equitie,
And liue and die in great felicitie.
- 3 Who thinketh of ill doth dreame of the same,
For an ill nature is neuer in good frame.
- 4 Thou hast too too feminine a faint heart,
That onely feare of popsoning doth make thee start.
- 5 Trouble not your selfe for the thing gone,
It shall be found out and brought backe anone.
- 6 This shall tell truth before all be ended.
But some by his words shall be sore offended.
- 7 The father like a man hath plaid his part,
And shall haue manie children for his desert.
- 8 Each one that is wise must needs easily know,
That sure it is his, and I too say so.
- 9 The yongest shall be wise and prudent,
And nothing like the other, negligent.
- 10 Thy forward spirit perswades thee of truth,
That thou shalt haue great riches in thy youth.
- 11 He shall neuer possesse abilitie
Either to trafficke or any studie.
- 12 To dissemble a while put thou in bre,
He is not overcome that doth endure.

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I The

- 1 The time shall sit thee ere it be long,
To haue due reuenge of this thy great wrong.
- 2 This loue shall last long without suspicion,
If they can liue quiet with discretion.
- 3 Under his grace and royall maiestic,
All his subiects shall liue most quietly.
- 4 This dreame which so much doth trouble thee still,
Belæue, importeth neither good nor well.
- 5 He is subtile, and wise, and knowes which way,
To take a good course without all delay.
- 6 He that cunningly seekes vnto the end,
In breefe he shall the partie easely finde.
- 7 He is craftie I discern by his nose,
And will say little troth as I suppose.
- 8 They shall haue children, for both loue letcherie,
And their barnes shall be inclin'd to trechery.
- 9 Belæue it you may, and be not dismaide,
For all is true the mother hath said.
- 10 The youngest of all, by his iudgement sound,
Shall be rich, and gaine him ten thousand pound.
- 11 So soone as thou first dost take any paines,
Thy house shal be filld with profit and gaines.
- 12 If he could be brought to follow learning,
It were for him the best and onely thing.

- 1 Cause him to goe and learne at grammer schoule,
For he shall proue a scholler, and no fole.
- 2 He is arrested vpon suspition,
And again releast on smal condition.
- 3 The femals loue is most constant and true,
But his is not such, I dare well tell you.
- 4 This King shall be serued with feare and loue,
For so his royall deedes doe him approue.
- 5 As I vnderstand by this lots pretence,
Thou maist doe thy busines with diligence.
- 6 It is no poyson charme or witcherie,
But onely a sicknesse of infirmitie.
- 7 There is no such sport as to hunt and chase,
And follow the game to th'end of the race.
- 8 He shall neuer be quiet for ought I can see,
Giue credit to this, and beleue you me.
- 9 I beleue that they both beyond erreffe,
Are greatly inclin'd to couetousnesse.
- 10 Liue he, or die he, take you no great care,
For of all his goods you shall haue no share.
- 11 Seeke yet againe farther for true it is,
I am not now verie well pleas'd with this.
- 12 Neither by destinie, vertue, nor art,
Thou shalt not obtaine of wealth to haue part.

- 1 He shall haue of goods great plentie and store,
Else this his fortune doth lie the more.
- 2 Euerie profession that's honest and true,
Shall fit his humour I dare assure you.
- 3 In breese he is like to be set at large,
By some friends that will vndergoe the charge.
- 4 Unto this louer I must giue great blame,
For his so too couldly louing the dame.
- 5 Among his subiects he shall be esteemed,
Because to doe well he is not ashamed.
- 6 Of this pcesage there is at all no doubt,
But that in th'end it will fall well out.
- 7 He is sicke, and no popson doth harme him,
Therefore giue Whisicke, & seeke not to charme him.
- 8 'Tis better in th'aire then in the wodes to range,
And so will the sport be pleasant and strange.
- 9 He shall sone againe his libertie haue,
In spight of his foes that otherwise craue.
- 10 There is some cause if the w^roman make stay,
For otherwise there would be no delay.
- 11 The man that dying will make stay for none,
Is like to goe hence by himselfe alone.
- 12 He loues thee well, but thou deseruest not all,
Be thou then to him faithfull and byall.

- 1 In him there is at all no confidence,
Therefore put thou in him no assurance.
- 2 All that euer by Art he doth obtaine,
By great folly he spends the same againe.
- 3 Physicke is his sole chiefe delight indeede,
For that is the Science hee most doth reede.
- 4 It will be very hard a way for to finde,
To get him libertie, this is my minde.
- 5 The one doth loue well, so much I descry,
The other loues too, but 'tis but to lye.
- 6 He shall of his Subjects be loued euermore,
Because he increaseth their treasure & store.
- 7 I plaine perceiue, by this present p̄sage,
That it intendeth thy losse and damage.
- 8 A p̄seruatiue you needs must giue him,
If you of poison, intend to relieue him.
- 9 'Tis great pleasure in the Forrest to see,
The fierce wilde boe hunted most gallantly.
- 10 The contrarie partie, he is so great,
That hardly he will his libertie get.
- 11 The husband is wonderfully too hot,
So the wife must stay, till a time may be got.
- 12 To dispose his geare, it is great reason,
For now to depart, 'tis almost season.

- 1 If he keepe himselfe from excesse fit,
He may liue very long and not die yet.
 - 2 The friend that thou didst get, and last obtaine,
Shall loue thee sure best, and be most certaine.
 - 3 Such strange aduventure shall vnto him chance,
As vnto great riches shall him aduance.
 - 4 His inclination, spirit, and minde,
Is all and onely to musicke inclin'd.
 - 5 He shall carrie himselfe so well and wisely,
That he shall soone come forth at libertie.
 - 6 These two louers so farre as I can see,
Associate in loue and amitie.
 - 7 This King the patterne of liberalitie,
Beloued is of the communaltie.
 - 8 I see that this thy demand doth pretend,
Where it be long, the death of some friend.
 - 9 Of poison giuen him he doth not dye,
Yet how he came by it, I know not truely.
 - 10 These Damsels desire, no other delight,
Then in the high soaring faulcons flight.
 - 11 A good louing friend, shall him so sustaine,
That in the end he shall returne againe.
 - 12 The damme is daintie, yet 'tis not her fault,
But her owne good mans, if she turne to naught.
- 1 He

- 1 He may her well court, and the damsell woo,
The diuell a thing, she will let him doe.
 - 2 This shall line long in health assuredly,
And then his naturall death he shall dye.
 - 3 His loue is true, and of honest intent,
Himselfe zealous and very continent.
 - 4 By a fine wit, slight, cunning, Art, and skill,
Obtaine great riches surely he will.
 - 5 He loues Philosophy, and of each thing,
To know the effect, is his studying.
 - 6 He is so hated, as cannot be told,
Which will sticke by him, untill he be old.
 - 7 The louers heart is wauering, and doth soze,
But the for courage, is a great deale moze.
 - 8 His subiects with ease, may ioisfully sing,
And euery day say God saue our good King.
 - 9 Take thou no pleasure to know the effect,
For of most vile shame, it doth thee detect.
 - 10 Some by ill will, hath done him so great wrong,
As will be his spoile, and sticke by him long.
 - 11 Th' one and the other are very good sport,
And yet for to hunt is greatest comfort.
 - 12 Alas his daies will soone be at an end,
Except God send him the help of a friend.
- 1 Finally,

- 1 Finally, he shal yet once againe be,
Recalled with credit honourably.
- 2 Let not the pooze man sustaine all the blame,
The fault is his good wiues, that is his dame.
- 3 Tis not vnlikely, but long he may liue.
If hee'll take as good counsell as he can giue.
- 4 Thou maist loue him well, for who can say nay,
But how he loues thee, I nothing can say.
- 5 He commands fortune, what will you haue more,
Fate hath ordaind him, great plenty and store.
- 6 If he were not faint-hearted I could say,
He might proue a Doctor, another day.
- 7 I am of the minde most assuredly,
That in short space he shall haue libertie.
- 8 The louer is most constant, firme, and true,
But she I know is of another hue.
- 9 He shall be gracious, and sweet to looke on,
And so be beloued of euery one.
- 10 This signe it presageth great ioy and glee,
And so a good houre which God send thee.
- 11 It is not poison, or any such thing,
But wanton lust, which youth doth daily sting.
- 12 It is a pleasure, which I must commend,
To continue a course vnto the end.

- 1 It is a great pleasure to see dogges that be comming,
In a long course to take a Hare running.
- 2 As a banished man he may sojourne,
For he is likely neuer to returne.
- 3 The damme is not blameable I know,
For she hath done the duetie she doth owe,
- 4 He shall liue out well, to natures best course,
And though some liue longer, it is the worse.
- 5 This though he seeme very amiable,
Yet shall his loue be very mutable.
- 6 Thou shalt haue goods store, and great abundance,
By thy good indeauours and prouidence.
- 7 Let him studie on still, that doth not passe,
For all his learning hee'll proue but an asse.
- 8 This odde creeker, will finde out some strange way,
To get himselfe out, and yet nothing pay.
- 9 A thousand turnes he proueth for her sake,
And she full as many doth for him make.
- 10 This King shall be victorious and great,
Which shall his Subjects hearts with ioy repleat.
- 11 What thou hast seene is presage of abuse,
Yet with discretion make thereof good vse.
- 12 This troublesome winde, shall soone weare away,
And then thy health shall encrease day by day.

- 1 He hath eaten oꝛ drunke, oꝛ done some excelle,
Which is the onely cause of this sicknesse.
- 2 This gentle faulton hath a most bꝛaue heart,
Tis a pleasure to see him play his part.
- 3 Neuer thinke noꝛ hope that thou shalt him see,
Enioy and haue all his goods quietly.
- 4 Neither thou noꝛ the other doe their best,
Either to receiue, oꝛ furnish the rest.
- 5 His vitall sprites are corled all so much,
That death very shortly, his life shall tuch.
- 6 You must loue, if you beloned will be,
Oꝛ else your fault each one will easily see.
- 7 There is no hope of his good lucke at all,
Neither by skill oꝛ Arts Mechanicall.
- 8 He shall still employ all his best studie,
In the true knowledge of Philosophy.
- 9 If some other chance, come not of moze woꝛth,
It will be this sennight, ere he come foꝛth.
- 10 Their loues often change of contrarie minde,
Foꝛ she is moze variable then the winde.
- 11 The King is well loued, and of Maiestie,
That on his pooꝛe Subjects hath loue and pittie.
- 12 This fearefull pꝛesage that makes thee so afraid,
Betokens ill hap, yet be not dismaide.

I Fortune

- 1 Fortune is fauouring, and thy good friend,
And this thy p̄sage a bountifull end.
- 2 Belæue me, for all this his extreame fit,
He neuer dzunke poison nor venome yet.
- 3 In haukes and hounds, is pleasure for a King,
And of all true content, the onely thing.
- 4 I know he shall ere long remitted be,
Dz my cunning failes, and I cannot see.
- 5 She is ready to take, and loth to leaue,
And yet for all that, still hard to conceiue.
- 6 He desires life still, if that it might be,
More then his heyres with him for charitie.
- 7 This good fellow, of whom thou doest enquire,
To be honest and faithfull, is his desire.
- 8 Thy lucke aboue others, is farre excellling,
So Fortune giues a stately dwelling.
- 9 He shall haue more pleasure in toys and fooling,
Then in good learning, Art, or his schooling.
- 10 He may come out now, if that so he will,
But time not yet fit, he tarrieth still.
- 11 They both loue truely, and with affection,
It is no how or fained fiction.
- 12 He shall raigne with such iustice, and equitie,
That his Subjects shall loue him entirely.

- 1 The common people, shall well loue this King,
Because he is good, bounteous and benigne.
- 2 Make thou no great account of this p̄sage,
But trust in God, and in him haue courage.
- 3 This hath, or I am much deceiued,
Some spitefull hate in his heart conceiued.
- 4 It is a good sight, to see a foule flye,
And make a braue flight, by towring on hye.
- 5 He is farre from any fauour obtaining,
For all his coggling, lying, and faining.
- 6 The one is too cold, the other too hot,
Th' one is too forward, the other will not.
- 7 Inquire thou no farther, concerning his life,
For of all his goods, thou shalt haue no strife.
- 8 In this thy friend, there is such defect,
That ther's not in him, that thou dost expect.
- 9 He shall be pooze, and in miserable estate,
And neuer fortunate, early nor late.
- 10 He shall follow warres, and a gallant be,
And loue to reade booke of Antiquitie.
- 11 He shall neuer come out, nor haue an end,
Except by the meanes of some speciall friend.
- 12 The Damsell is best, her heart's most sound,
But he is a ranger in euery ground.

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- 1 They are both louers most faithfull and true,
And which lones best I cannot well tell you.
- 2 He shall be well loued of his subiects all,
And so renowned through the vniuersall.
- 3 In this ptesage, and in a most good houre,
It doth pretend to thee ioy and honour.
- 4 It is not poyson that doth him disquiet.
But some erreffe that he hath had in diet.
- 5 If I of pleasures might make my owne choise,
Onely then hunting should haue my whole voice.
- 6 His friends so stedfast shall to him remaine.
That they shall restore his estate againe.
- 7 The wife is readie and apt to conceiue,
Tis he that vnable doth her deceiue.
- 8 He shall by natures course liue verie long,
If wenching letcherie, doe him no wrong.
- 9 He is of good nature gentle and kinde,
And to all men doth beare a faithfull minde.
- 10 He shall haue fortune in the best degree,
To rise to riches and authoritie.
- 11 All sciences that are delectable,
Shall fit him well and prooue profitable.
- 12 This poyson seemeth to me verie strange,
To indanger his life, and make such a change.

- 1 This prisoner shall soone deliuered be,
It is true that so the booke assureth me.
- 2 It is the man as yet I must commend,
Though her constant courage endure to th'end.
- 3 Father of people called he shall be,
For keeping the good of the communalitie.
- 4 For one presage be thou not yet dismayd,
For in the next there shall some more be said.
- 5 He hath beene in some vilde infectious aire,
Which makes him loke so leane, feeble and bare.
- 6 Men may goe hunt well without any hauke,
To kill foule without dogs is idle talke.
- 7 He shall by discretion gouerne so well,
As following he shall get his apeall.
- 8 If children betwixt them they cannot obtaine,
The fault is not his, I dare well maintaine.
- 9 Some for his fathers death doth so gapeout,
That not looked for his owne comes first about.
- 10 His loue is not to halues, as some mens be,
But entire true and full of constancie.
- 11 By couctousnesse and niggardly care,
Thou shalt at last obtaine of wealth great store.
- 12 He shall loue arts, and all kinde of learning,
And to gaine experience shal be his studying.

- 1 He is rusticall, to vnderstand hard,
Make him a farmer, or a rich shepheard.
- 2 Thy saddest sorrow, grieve, and great annoy,
Shall turne in the end to pleasure and ioy.
- 3 He loues thy weale, and thy credit defends,
Tis good to continue with such good friends.
- 4 He shall be great and rich as heart can wish,
And his realme shall prosper, thriue, & flourish.
- 5 Bidle thy humour and vaine desires,
For helpe a broode of such foolish liers.
- 6 This death is a good death for one to die,
That for good conscience, suffers patiently.
- 7 Marrie not if thou wilt follow my will,
Forbeare then, and be a batcheler still.
- 8 He will serue, though borne of great family,
For by good carriage preferred he shall be.
- 9 Shee's a bonna roba and verie fat,
But not with child I assure you that.
- 10 Pursue then with speede, for hee's but an asse,
That cannot saite but by others compasse.
- 11 He is not good for thy societie,
Therefore seeke out some other companie.
- 12 Thy hopes are vaine, thou shalt neuer get it,
For there is a thousand things to let it.

- 1 As thy heart doth wish, and thou dost require,
Thou shalt obtaine and haue thy hearts desire.
- 2 If he with good orthographie write well,
Make him scriuener, or clarke to some counsell.
- 3 Be not dismaide or melancolly still,
For th'end shall bring toy & pleasure at will.
- 4 In this thy friend haue no great affiance,
For I see in him no great assurance.
- 5 In the seruice of wars he shall doe well,
By gouerning his deedes by good counsell.
- 6 Be thou not perswaded of any good euent,
By witchcraft, sozcery, or inchantment.
- 7 Death is fitting in this his owne prouince,
To maintaine the title due to a Prince.
- 8 Marrie the daughter of a good mother,
And thou shalt then a good wife approue her.
- 9 He shall be of a most noble nature,
Liberall and free to euerie creature.
- 10 She is great with childe to her bitter baine,
For it shall procure her sorow and paine.
- 11 He shall be opulent, and full of good,
By succeeding some friends of his owne blood.
- 12 Pursue hardly whatsoeuer fall out,
It will haue a good end without all doubt.

- 1 Doe not accompanie, 'twill be but losse,
With moze hurt then profit, danger and crosse.
- 2 Fortune is wauering, and so not certaine,
Therefore his hopes he shall neuer obtaine.
- 3 He shall soone learne, bearing a forward minde,
For all his desires is to war inclinde.
- 4 Melancolly kills him there's no remedie,
And so I count him but a dead body.
- 5 He is not thy friend, but a foyster shallow,
Then set not thy loue on such a fellow.
- 6 Rather then be still he will procure war,
For his chiefe desire is to be at iar.
- 7 He that in geomancie had good skill,
Might be sure to know all at his owne will.
- 8 Death is equall cruell and spareth none,
Rigorous to all vntill we bee gone.
- 9 Marrie not good friend neither young nor old,
For thou shalt proue a ielous cuckold.
- 10 So long as he liues doe what he best can,
He shall neuer be but a seruile man.
- 11 To say she were with childe it wers a sinne,
For there will be none till it be put in.
- 12 Expect thou no succession of worth,
Neither in thy first, nor thy latter birth.

- 1 If to please thy friends thou wilt prepare,
I will be thy good, and thou maist proue their heire.
- 2 He is most worthie to defend and shield,
And 'twere pitie to leaue him in the field.
- 3 He shall haue all his minde in full effect,
In the same manner he doth it expect.
- 4 With braue architecture doe him acquaint,
And let him learne well to draw & to paint.
- 5 He shall soone be freed from enemies all,
And be no moze subiect to spightfull th^{er}all.
- 6 Thy friend to thee is most true and faithfull,
Then be thou againe honest and loyall.
- 7 When by his great valour, the wars shall surcease,
He shall rule his realme with plentie and peace.
- 8 Belæue not these vaine idle tale-tellers,
That neuer can prate, but in wine cellers.
- 9 The good are most oft taken soone away,
But woe to the ill, when they doe decay.
- 10 If thou wilt liue well, to marie is best,
So shalt thou haue ioy, great comfort & rest.
- 11 'Tis nurture, with nature, that gentle makes,
More then his great blood that by birth he takes.
- 12 She is with childe, you may lay crownes or pence,
And yet I know it is not long since.

- 1 If thee's not with childe let her take no care,
For shortly thees's like to haue a full share.
- 2 Thy father is like to goe to his graue,
And then thou art like his goods for to haue.
- 3 His companie is good, doe it not lose,
But be so to him, to withstand your foes.
- 4 The thing that he wishes obtaine he shall,
And that verie sone in part or else all.
- 5 Put him to schoole where he may learn to write,
To cipher, cast account, and well indite.
- 6 He is with sorrow so greatly opprest,
That he needs good comfort, and quiet rest.
- 7 This is not for thee, for he is vntrust,
Therefore at no hand giue him any trust.
- 8 Untill with war and losse he plagued be,
He will neuer seeke peace for his countrie.
- 9 You know nothing but the verie outside,
Nor neuer shall, till by force it be tride.
- 10 Some searing paine, or in torture to lie,
Desire that they may sodenly die.
- 11 He that lackes comber all daies of his life,
Let him but get him a ship, or a wife.
- 12 He shall be of those that liue in a meane,
Neither poore nor rich, neither fat nor leane.

- 1 We shall be of a strong constitution,
And of a most franke and frée condition.
 - 2 Doubt you not though it be not belæued,
Of a most faire childe she is conceiued.
 - 3 Be thou sparing and good husbandrie vse,
And leaue off to looke after dead mens shoes.
 - 4 Accompanie this friend in faire and fowle weather,
For birds of a wing may well flie together.
 - 5 What thou pzetendst will proue profitable,
And the euent will be honourable.
 - 6 If either ieweller or gouldsmith he be,
He will by change come to prosperitie.
 - 7 This sadnesse shall passe, and ioy in his place
Shall change and come in verie short space.
 - 8 This friend by good tast and pꝛofe shall shew thee,
The true harted loue that he doth owe thee.
 - 9 It were better a quiet peace to buy,
Then in consuming war, to liue and die.
 - 10 This is a pꝛouerbe old, and now not new,
That drunkards, children, & fowles tell true.
 - 11 A languishing life is ill dærely bought,
Be merrie, and better die once then oft.
 - 12 If thou dost marrie t'is no fault at all,
Yet often it brings both bondage and thꝛall.
- 1 Least

- 1 Least that he should stray, and so doe amisse,
To get him a wife the very best is.
- 2 His nature is hard, brutall, bad and rude,
Therefore shall he liue, in base seruitude.
- 3 She must be comforted, as great with child,
For shee's in danger, else I am beguild.
- 4 To imploy thy owne paines, some way must be sought,
For by thy friends death, thou wilt get iust nought.
- 5 If it be not for good, or meere necessitie,
Pesse thou not too much to keepe company.
- 6 He shall enioy the good pretended thing,
But it shall be after long tarying.
- 7 He shall vse the seas with labour and paine,
But greatly to his good profit and gaine.
- 8 If thou hadst a magnanimious heart,
Then soone this mourning, would from thee depart.
- 9 Let him of thy businesse, no more discerne,
Then most properly may, himsele concerne.
- 10 By his owne vertue, peace he shall maintaine,
So his people in plenty shall remaine.
- 11 Who will goe to the diuell, for witching skill,
May easily know, what so ere he will.
- 12 It is better a thousand times to dye,
Then to liue long in want and misery.

- 1 If for my death a place I might desire,
Then honours bed in campe I would require.
- 2 The thraldome in marriage is often great,
Therefore be warie, and mary not yet.
- 3 If he serue not, he doth himselfe great wrong,
For he shall be able, sturdie and strong.
- 4 Those be ill humours that from her abound,
For she is corrupt, and not at all sound.
- 5 Of father, mother, sister, or brother,
Let him not liue in hope for gaine or other.
- 6 To let passe their company is no sinne,
For all their kindnes is not worth a pinne.
- 7 Leauē thy aspiring, and strike sayle amaine,
For what thou most seekes, thou shalt not obtaine.
- 8 Some mecanicke trade will be his best part,
As Shoemaker, Taylor, or Joyners Art.
- 9 He is melancholicke, heauie, and sad,
Therefore by musicke remedy is had.
- 10 Whatsoeuer he doe by outward show,
It is no true friendship, this much I know.
- 11 This King shall be valiant, fierce, and most sterne,
Which euery one shall plainly discerne.
- 12 This that you seeke, shall neuer come to light,
Except by raising some internall spight.

1 Leauē

- 1 Leane these false foolish diuinations,
For they are but idle deceptions.
- 2 Let all men talke, and each say what he will,
I finde death hatefull, and I would liue still.
- 3 To haue an heyre, it much stands thee vpon,
Then get a wife well bozne, else mary none.
- 4 Of all ill fashions that in him I finde,
Hee's ill bzought vp, and of a seruile minde.
- 5 It is a childe's deede, thereof haue no doubt,
But it may cost deare, so things may fall out.
- 6 Thou shalt haue such lucke, as I vnderstand,
As to ioine house to house, and land to land.
- 7 Be thou bold to keepe him company still,
I will be thy good, say others what they will.
- 8 The thing thou enquirest for, it will be had,
And when it comes make thee merrie and glad.
- 9 Away with mecanickes, leane off to trade,
The court is thy best, if thou wilt be made.
- 10 Time that tempereth all, shall in short space,
Turne mourning to mirth, and alter the case.
- 11 This friend is like the apple of thine eye,
For a better liues not vnder the skie.
- 12 He shall peaceably raigne, if so hee please,
For that he desires it, with honour and ease.

- 1 He shall alwaies loue to make the warres stand,
Least peace should displace him out of his land.
 - 2 Be not so eger oꝛ foꝛward in minde,
In this tell-tale booke your foꝛtune to finde.
 - 3 To dye well, is liue well, with ioy at the last,
To liue ill, is hell still, when this life is past.
 - 4 To liue yet vnmarried, be thou content,
Foꝛ else I am sure thou wilt it repent.
 - 5 If thou serue well, then thou shalt in th' end,
Both get pꝛeferment, and a faithfull friend.
 - 6 You are all deceiued, and quite beguild
The woman is sicke, and yet not with child.
 - 7 Seeke thou abroad, stay not here like a drone,
Foꝛ good of thy parents, thou shalt get none.
 - 8 Foꝛ education, and to thy pꝛaise,
Seeke good company, thy foꝛtune to raise.
 - 9 He well may hope still, and that is his best,
Yet shall he neuer obtaine his request.
 - 10 Oh, he would make a notable tradesman,
I meane Tayloꝛ, Tapster, oꝛ tolle the Can.
 - 11 If to himselfe, he looke not very well,
He shall haue still comber, and great trouble.
 - 12 Be sure, trust to thy selfe I thee aꝛd,
And with discretion, stand on thy own gard.
- 1 Where

- 1 Where thou thy loue hast planted, and firme set,
His loue is true, constant and most perfect.
- 2 His raigne shall be in great felicitie,
And his Subiects, in good tranquillitie.
- 3 You shall the trueth by another meanes finde,
And not by this course, I am of that minde.
- 4 To haue children, goods, and come to great age,
Should make a man die, with a good courage.
- 5 Take a woman that's likely to conceiue,
For a greater good, thou canst no way haue.
- 6 This prettie youngling, if he haue his will,
Shall neuer be subiect, but stubbozne still.
- 7 She is with child, and with ioy may bee it,
And a great comfort, when she shall see it.
- 8 Thinke not long, be wise, and take no care,
For thou shalt be rich, and thy fathers heyre.
- 9 Leave him not, but his friend continue still,
For he is honest, and pretends no ill.
- 10 He shall be happy, and with great ease,
Obtaine the thing sone, that doth him so please.
- 11 His melodious minde, shall still be bent,
Either to singing, or some instrument.
- 12 Wilt doubt not Fortune, for all is not gone,
For thou art like yet, to haue a good one.

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1 Her

- 1 Her sorow shall cease, and she shall finde,
A better temper, and another minde.
- 2 Welcove not lookes, he doth but dissemble,
For knaves honest men doe most resemble.
- 3 Being most valiant, mighty, rich, and strong,
He shall in peace and pleasure governe long.
- 4 In magicke put no trust, nor haue no part,
For it is curst, and is a diuellish Art.
- 5 If a man must needs depart, and so die.
'Tis best with honour, and for his country,
- 6 If thou wilt prosper, and be a man free,
Thou then must at no hand married be.
- 7 It were pitie he should remaine in thrall,
For his heart is noble, franke, and loyall.
- 8 If she be not with child, 'tis no matter,
She staves but the touch, and that shall fither.
- 9 Hee shall in the end obtaine great riches,
But it shall be by valour and prowesse.
- 10 It were better for thee from him to flye,
Then to follow and keepe him company.
- 11 Though they doe crosse him, and still doe their worst,
The fore fares the better when he is curst.
- 12 With excellent skill, to limme, paint, and graue,
Shall be his desire, and all he will craue.

- 1 'Tis nothing else, but meere melancholly,
That so hath posselt his minde with folly.
- 2 Misdoubt thou nothing, for I am most sure,
That he seekes onely thy god to procure.
- 3 Because of thy substance thou shalt haue loue,
Of those that else would thy enemies proue.
- 4 He shall be so noble in euery thing,
That he shall proue a complete worthy king.
- 5 If th' anger of God be not appeased,
By this warre many shall die displeased.
- 6 Though he be enuied, and enemies haue,
Yet shall he liue old, with isy to his graue.
- 7 With the yong wench is pleasure and good sport,
With the old there is treasure and comfort.
- 8 Auoide the varlot aboue any thing,
His tongue is sharper then a serpents sting.
- 9 Thou shalt haue a sonne, marke what I thee tell;
But take thou good heed and nurture him well.
- 10 Great store of goods, but all yet very deare,
By tribute and tolles that shall be this yeare.
- 11 Thou wert better wander and walke alone,
Then be subiect to such a companion.
- 12 Pouertie doth sorrow and trouble bring,
And few are friends in time declining.

- 1 He shall prosper, though enui'd much he be,
For hatred still goes with prosperitie.
- 2 He is in his nature so bold of nought,
That seldome ill doth come in his thought.
- 3 He both can, will, and may, doe thee great wrong,
Therefore looke to thy selfe and make thee strong.
- 4 Thou shalt haue flattering friends at thy table,
Whose treacherous shewes will be affable.
- 5 For his countries good, defence, and welfare,
No honest good subiect his life will spare.
- 6 If wee seeke not God for mercie and grace,
Peace and iustice will haue with vs no place.
- 7 Thou'lt be deceiu'd and doe thy selfe wrong,
For both friend and father shal lue yet long.
- 8 The wench is foolish, idle, and wanton,
But the other shall proue a graue woman.
- 9 He is wise, graue, and all well addicted,
Therefore 'tis fit he should be respected.
- 10 I am sure ther's one sonne, I may proue two,
And please the father, I assure you.
- 11 This yeere shall be pleasant and plentifull,
For it for mens health, then for corn, fruit, and wolle.
- 12 'Tis better he goe abroad and take paine,
For that is the way, by which he must gaine.

- 1 It is not yet good oportunitie,
Either to follow or keepe companie.
- 2 I will procure sorowe, griefe, and heauie chere,
To see thy enemy so domineere.
- 3 Thy heart is full fraught with malice and care,
Which makes thee to fret, & sigh in despaire.
- 4 He cosening thee, shall conuay it so cleane,
That scarce it shall be of any one scene.
- 5 Thy aspiring minde to honour and fame,
Shall get thee fooles to encounter the same.
- 6 Through his valour and good successe in war,
His subjects he shall to great wealth prefer.
- 7 By ambition, iustice is neglected,
And by might the poore mans cause relected.
- 8 They shall die quickly, as thou dost craue it,
Yet not for thy good as thou wouldst haue it.
- 9 The widdow knowes well how to please a man,
And to that purpose will doe what she can.
- 10 Trust not this knaue, for I sweare by the rood,
He is bent to ill and no manner good.
- 11 I will be a faire sonne cleanly and quiet,
Then get him a good nurse for his diet.
- 12 Who now of coyne hath good store and plentie,
Let him keepe it for it will prooue daintie.

- 1 This yere shall be plentie, nothing shall want,
Onely I feare me money shall be scant.
 - 2 The time place and companie is now fit.
If thou now haue cause to make vse of it.
 - 3 There will none haue of thee any fancie,
Except it be by lust or ielousie.
 - 4 He onely thinkes of lust and his pleasure,
And how he may at will the same procure.
 - 5 His gentle heart seekes to doe you seruice,
And no way pretends harme or pzeiudise.
 - 6 Change of thy state will make thee quite misknowne,
And so thou shalt inioy few friends or none.
 - 7 He shall be wise and of a prudent care,
His subiects to keepe in ioy and welfare.
 - 8 I hope to content, you shortly shall see,
In England all ioy and prosperitie.
 - 9 He shall liue long happie, as here I finde,
And far better then they that wish his end.
 - 10 They both shall haue cause greatly to reioyce,
When each of other shall make their owne choice.
 - 11 He is a good seruant, and boide of strife,
And shall be honest all daies of his life.
 - 12 This woman with childe, without all faile,
Shall be bzought abed of a faire female.
- 1 She

- 1 She shall with ioy and ease deliuered be,
Of a sweete faire man-childe belæue you me.
- 2 By the celestiaall constellation,
There is great war in pzeperation.
- 3 Keepe thy selfe quietly in thy owne house,
For to stirre abroad will proue dangerous.
- 4 Feare thou no brawlers, though they seeme fighters.
For dogges that barke much, are no great biters.
- 5 This thinketh no ill, but true sinceritie,
And all his desires are set on honestie.
- 6 Looke well to your selfe with iudgement and skill,
For all his intents are to doe you ill.
- 7 If thou dost well thou shalt be beloued,
If thou dost ill, thou shalt be reprobued.
- 8 He of treasure shall make so small account,
That in his bountie he shall surmount.
- 9 Neuer looke for iustice in any case,
So long as an ill man doth keepe the place.
- 10 He shall liue well, and continue so long,
That some with his death, & thinke they haue wrong.
- 11 If euer thou marie then marie the maide,
The widdow is wilfull, and will be obaide.
- 12 This seruant to th'eye doth make a good show,
But he is a knaue, thus much I doe know.

- 1 Ther's nought in the world that he loues so much,
As his masters good, his minde it is such.
- 2 She shall haue a sonne, of this I am sure,
But it shall be with great paine and labour.
- 3 Th'vnseasonable time hath made the earth ill,
Therefoze this yeere it shall not be fertill.
- 4 The companie being good doe not feare,
Foz the time doth fit well foz thy matter.
- 5 Thy enemies to worke doe neuer linne,
Yet in the hole they digge, they shall fall in.
- 6 'Tis a notable knaue that cannot cease,
To worke all villanie and wickednesse.
- 7 Dread nothing that's ill, foz I am sure,
He hath no pretence thy harme to procure.
- 8 What profession soeuer thou pretends,
Thou shalt prosper well, and obtaine good friends.
- 9 He shall be valiant, wise, stately, and tall,
And fit to conduct an armie royall.
- 10 Justice shall flourish, when iudges are such,
As they loue the poore, as well as the rich.
- 11 He shall liue longer with ease in wealth,
Then some with either his life or his health.
- 12 Take thou the maide, if it be foz thy diet,
Or take the widdow, if thou wilt liue quiet.

- 1 **W**ary a young maide, if good thou wilt finde,
 Then maist thou frame her vnto thy owne minde.
- 2 **O**f this thy seruant, that thou dost enquire,
 Neither trust him, no; yet do thou him hire.
- 3 **T**his woman of good shall obtaine and haue,
 A faire daughter, vertuous, fine and graue.
- 4 **T**his yeere presageth plenty, and good store,
 much more abundance then the yeere before.
- 5 **I**f thou wilt't beleene me, goe not now I say,
 For there lies a shrewd turne right in thy way.
- 6 **I**f thou be wise, for all their enuious charme,
 They shall not haue power to doe thee any harme.
- 7 **H**e hath a wildebaine iourney in his head,
 But he were better stay, and keepe his bed.
- 8 **A**lthough that he would, 'tis not in his power,
 To doe all that he would he is not sure.
- 9 **I**f thou desire loue, giue no cause of feare,
 For those that complaine, no true loue can beare.
- 10 **I**n seruice he shall be bold and forward,
 If he see that deserts get good reward.
- 11 **W**hen as we liue in loue and charitie,
 God will then giue vs his loue and mercie.
- 12 **H**ee'll die of this disease I am certaine,
 But shall not lie long, to languish in paine.

- 1 He may chance being without help to die,
And so by some mischance fall suddenly.
 - 2 Let the youth to his peeres, the yongest mary,
And so let the elder the widdow carry.
 - 3 This seruant by his will is fit to swagger,
But that he dares not, for feare of his master.
 - 4 She shall be brought a bed of a faire sonne,
But he will not liue, when all this is done.
 - 5 This peere will be scarce, therefore keep thou store,
And if thou wilt profit get in the more.
 - 6 I am not of the minde that 'tis good for thee,
With this prefer'd friend to keepe company.
 - 7 Feare thou not enuy, for thou art rich,
For none but the mighty need to feare such.
 - 8 He hath diuers strange thoughts that makes no show,
And keepes them secret, that none can them know.
 - 9 Flee suspected dangers and priuie whispers,
For you haue heard all is not gold that glisters.
 - 10 If thou doest loue, beloued thou shalt be,
And liuing well they will esteeme of thee.
 - 11 He will be sottish fit for a Carrier,
And not as a man look like a warrier.
 - 12 Employ your best wits, and doe what you may,
You shall neuer get peace continue or stay.
- 1 They

- 1 They shall be blessed in iustice and peace,
Their Kingdome shall flourish and neuer cease.
- 2 Hee's well gouern'd, and so warie a man,
That time shall make him as white as a swanne.
- 3 The wench is best, and most amiable,
And for mans pleasure most agreable.
- 4 This seruant is trustie, loyall, and true,
Therefore rather keep him then seek a new.
- 5 Her belly is very round, bigge, and hie,
Which shewes 'tis a daughter apparently.
- 6 This is a peere for ingrofers of coine,
To hang themselves quickly, for voiding of scoine.
- 7 This time is prosperous, and fits very well,
To frequent company, and good counsell.
- 8 He liues so warie that those that spite him,
Cannot finde fitly no way to bite him.
- 9 This man hath care out of his honestie,
To looke and prouide for his family.
- 10 He is honest, faithfull, gentle, and true,
Hee need not doubt him, I ensure you.
- 11 His noble vertues are so approued,
That of all men he shall be beloued.
- 12 He shall be liberall frankly to spend,
And valiant in Armes himselfe to defend.

- 1 He shall be to each, and in generall,
Wise, affable, stout, and most liberall.
- 2 You shall not haue stoze, noz equitie tast,
While warre and garboiles, among you doth last.
- 3 Belæue me this man shall not so soone dye,
As some wish him gone, that are him hard by.
- 4 The widdow may pzooue so good a brood hen,
As that she may farre excede the maiden.
- 5 This by nature is so malignant bad,
That by no nurture, better will be had.
- 6 She shall haue a sonne, a very fine boy,
Shall please the father and fill him with ioy.
- 7 If God in mercie, to vs be not good,
Wee shall this yeare perish for want of foode.
- 8 If the company fit, then fall to play,
'Tis good to take time, for time will away.
- 9 To spight thy enemies, thou shalt be rich,
Therefore say freely, away with the witch.
- 10 What kinde imploiment soeuer he haue,
He cannot forbear, but still play the knaue.
- 11 He both may and will doe most craftily,
Then looke well to it, and haue a good eye.
- 12 It is with thee now, euen as the world goes,
A man that hath friends, shall be sure of foes.

1 While ..

- 1 While thou art welthie, and good cheare canst make,
Thou shalt want no friends, ile it undertake.
- 2 He is liberall to those that haue neede,
But it is far more in words, then in deede.
- 3 We must all to God pray and make our mone,
Else of iustice and good, we shall get none.
- 4 Expect not his goods, no no: as yet his end,
For he will liue himselfe them all to spend.
- 5 If thou wilt haue a daintie during thy life,
Then take thou the maiden to be thy wife.
- 6 He is now good and berie honest too,
If he grow not worse, he well may serue you.
- 7 She is so vnweeldie, heauie, and grane,
That it appeares plaine a female shee'l haue.
- 8 Of fruites we shall haue reasonable store,
And so of other things, some lesse, some more.
- 9 This time, and if so be that now you will,
It is indifferent, neither good no: ill.
- 10 If thou hadst not such a suspicious minde,
Thou shouldst loue and fauour of all men finde.
- 11 He cares for nothing, his onely desire,
Is onely how still to haue his pleasure.
- 12 Be not too bould to trust all kinde of men,
Specially such that wauer now and then.

- 1 Stand on your gard if you be a wise man,
For he will betray you if that he can.
- 2 By the state thou art in when thou hast neede,
Thou shalt not want friends to stand thee in stead.
- 3 He shall be balliant, tall, stout and large,
Fit in the field an enemy to charge.
- 4 When wars goeth downe, iustice shall then rise,
And vntill then patience must you suffice.
- 5 If to his diet he take not good care,
Then soone for his graue he well may prepare.
- 6 Men make faire maidens onely for loue,
And some men for gould, old widowes will proue.
- 7 If master be good, I assure you than,
It will fall fit out, such master, such man.
- 8 A proper true maide is worth the hauiing,
And who hath a good wife, hath a good thing.
- 9 This yeere be prouident, wise, and take care,
For all things will be scarce and verie bare.
- 10 If thou wilt prosper, and doe thy turne well,
Then stay yet a litle, take my counsell.
- 11 Few men like to thee, so fortune pretends,
Thou shalt haue few foes, and many good friends.
- 12 When he is vnconstant, then he lookes pale,
And his word sure, as an eele by the taile.

- 1 He speakes as he thinkes, and thinkes it is true,
But better discretion remaines in you.
- 2 If wisely thou liue, and looke befoze thee,
Then am I sure, enuie shall not sturre thee.
- 3 A true hearted friend though he be not rich,
Is a rare iewel, make much then of such.
- 4 He is a true tyrant, what so he be,
That bereaues a mans goods dishonestly.
- 5 Be not too quicke your iourney to begin,
Least hast make a pitfall, & you step therein.
- 6 He is often sickly, ill, pale, and wan,
And yet he shall liue a verie old man.
- 7 Her that thou now louest, will not be had,
Yet verie shortly thy turne shall be sped.
- 8 Take not this seruant, be ruled by me,
For sure he and you will neuer agree.
- 9 This man to melancolie is so rife,
That he shall chøse a solitarie life.
- 10 Of cozne and wine shall be small stoze this yeere,
And so both are like to be verie deere.
- 11 This iudge is disdainefull, cruell and sterne,
And too impatient rightly to discern.
- 12 Thou must with patience endure thy losses,
For fortune hath pointed thee manie crosses.

- 1 Follow thy fortunes, and be not in doubt,
For all things to the best shall fall well out.
 - 2 Though he speake merrily, yet he speakes true,
And all that he saith, concerneth you.
 - 3 Be not disturbed, but couragious still,
For all their mallice shall doe you no ill.
 - 4 A rich friend is good to helpe at a neede,
And a poore friend is good, & hath moze speede.
 - 5 He that is come of the true royall blood,
Must needs loue the King, and with him all good.
 - 6 And if it be far then goe not the same,
If nere for thy good, then goe on Gods name.
 - 7 By his constitution he should liue long,
If by his misdiet he doe not wrong.
 - 8 With as great content as he can require,
He shall obtaine his loue, and hearts desire.
 - 9 For to haue him according to thy minde,
Inquire what countrie man he is by kinde.
 - 10 His most desire is a good house to hould,
And to liue in credit with young and old.
 - 11 For all kinde of fruite, cozne, herbes, and peason,
This yeere is like to be a good season.
 - 12 This mans iustice is straight, vpright, and true,
The rich mans owne, and the poore mans due.
- 1 This

- 1 This Judge is bilde by my estimation,
Cruell, vniust, and full of indignation,
- 2 Venture thou nothing for it shall be lost,
Or foolishly mispent, when 'tis at the most.
- 3 He tels not all, but the most doth conceale,
For loue will not let him the truth reueale.
- 4 Walke thou vp rightly, and step not awry,
For some in malice watch faults to espy.
- 5 The benefit by a poore friend is small,
but by a rich miser is none at all.
- 6 'Tis a great ioy to haue such a King,
That knowes what belongs to good gouerning.
- 7 Goe when that thou wilt, the planets agrée,
That thou shalt retorne with prosperitie.
- 8 He shall feelee the paines of most cruell death,
By strength of his youth, in parting with bzeath.
- 9 To make stay it were great folly certaine,
Except in the place where you shall be tane.
- 10 A Kentish man will be good and serue long,
But take heed in th'end he doe thee no wrong.
- 11 Neuer expect in him vertue at all,
For his good conditions are very small.
- 12 Make store of cozne and wine this present yeare,
For they are like to be scarce and very deare.

- 1 Of flesh and cozne this peere will be plenty,
But Spice and Tobacco will be daintie.
- 2 This Judge of himselfe is gentle and good,
Except be sometime in his angry moode.
- 3 Thou shalt haue no harme, noz no losse thereby,
If thou pretend truth, and deale byrightly.
- 4 Let not by all meanes to try and proue him,
Yet the more he sweares, the lesse beleue him.
- 5 I maruell of this man, that enuieyth none,
Also of enemies he hath not one.
- 6 None can esteeme the worth of poore mens loue.
Till by some Iust cause, their strengths thou do proue.
- 7 Of rash common people the sudden strength,
Doth proue barbarous, and inhumane at length.
- 8 The time is not good, noz yet will not be,
To begin thy iourney, beleue thou me.
- 9 He shall liue and last, so old out of doubt,
That like to a candle he shall goe out.
- 10 To tell thee it grieues me, thou shalt not obtaine,
To get the thing thou hast sought with such paine.
- 11 In all places some good seruants there be,
Yet to get a good one 'tis hard you see.
- 12 This child is marked with a fortunate signe,
To be amorous, pleasant, and very fine.

1 This

- 1 This child doth put me in very good minde,
That he shall loue vertue, and learning by kinde.
- 2 Dyle, wine, and corne, as to me doth appeare,
Shall be great plenty, and good cheape this yeare
- 3 This iudge is wise, but 'tis for his owne good,
Giuen to lucre and a bybing moode.
- 4 Fortune determines, as she doth me tell,
That thou shalt gaine by this thing very well.
- 5 Beleue what he saies, for this I am sure,
That to tell a lie, he will not endure.
- 6 There is a huge great number of thy foes,
That haue plotted against thee God he knowes.
- 7 Those that be pooze, and loue thee but for gaine,
If thou be not franke will not long remaine.
- 8 Sometimes princes sonnes of the Royall blood,
Not like their fathers proue vpight and good.
- 9 It is now high time for thee to sojourne,
If thou intend sone with ioy to returne.
- 10 Though he be yong and liue delicately,
Yet by surfet he shall dye suddenly.
- 11 Thy enterprize is farre for thee to hye,
Therefore goodnight, thou shalt it not come ni
- 12 This seruant that's brought thee doe well peruse,
And looke ere you leape, 'tis cunning to choose.

1. They may well of happinesse bragge and vaunt,
That are attended with a good seruant.
 2. This child to wickednesse shall be giuen,
And from his pleasure by no meanes driuen.
 3. This yeete will be plenty of all that is greene,
And in such abundance as hath not been sene.
 4. This Iudge is byright, and doth no man wrong,
And therefore too honest, to liue here long.
 5. This thing be sure will proue profitable,
And to thy content be honourable.
 6. All that which with his mouth he did impart,
Assure you your selfe it comes from his heart.
 7. Carry your selfe kinde and courteous to all,
So shall you be belou'd of great and small.
 8. Not to dissemble, so it is deemed,
The rich in this world are best esteemed.
 9. The people by Law doe subiect remaine,
And so shall by Law, haue a King to raigne.
 10. For one day make stay, 'tis small that you borrow,
The time is not much to stay till to morrow.
 11. You know he would liue so long as he can,
And then he shall die a very old man.
 12. What thy heart hath chosen that thou shalt haue,
And what can a man more in this world craue.
1. Pour

- 1 Your heart in a good place hath made his choice,
Which you shall obtaine, and at length reioyce.
- 2 'Tis vnpossible, and doe what you can,
To serue your selfe, and be without a man.
- 3 This man was neuer good, yet egge noz bird,
But still false of his heart, fingers and word.
- 4 Those that trauell, and long iournies doe make,
Are like to pay deere fo2 what they doe take.
- 5 This iudge he is wise, learned, and well red,
And yet he is oft, by affection led.
- 6 Be not a blab, but keepe quiet and still,
And thou shalt haue profit, thy purse to fill.
- 7 He speaks verie much, but sillie God wot,
Fo2 you know that a foles boults is sone shot.
- 8 Let them rather spight, then pitie me ill,
The fore fares then best when they curse him still.
- 9 Of times the poo2est sort doe loue the best,
Fo2 riches b2ede debate, and make vnrest.
- 10 The election is good and lo2able,
In chusing a man wise and capable.
- 11 If now thou withd2aw thy selfe far away,
It will be shame and discredit fo2 aye.
- 12 Young and old, all must packe and so away,
Neuer aske where, no2 inquire the day.

- 1 It is great pittie, doe all what they can,
In prime of youth, he shall die a young man.
- 2 We thou not loue sicke, noz hurt not thy life,
Thou neuer shalt get her to be thy wife.
- 3 If he serue thee well, then loue thou him well,
If ill, then let him goe to the great diuell.
- 4 All his pleasure, pastime, delight, and bzags,
Is to be still tossing among his bags.
- 5 All kinde of bittaile shall good cheape remaine,
If they be not transported this yære into Spaine.
- 6 This damnable iudge is most couetous,
And in hope of honour, most ambitious.
- 7 If he goe on with his foolish pretence,
He shall get nought, but be at great expence.
- 8 Doe you not beleue this clattering fellow,
For he will lie, and his bzaine is but shallow.
- 9 He that thou makest to be thy greatest friend,
Is thy deadliest foe, as will proue in th'end.
- 10 Want bates courage, so ther's no affinitie,
To anie purpose twixt loue and amitie.
- 11 Heires hath bene wanting, as scene so befoze,
But election lasteth for euer moze.
- 12 You may trauell safe, and goe where you please,
Without all danger or any disease.

1 Begin

- 1 Begin your voyage so soone as you can,
You shall well perfoyme it to your great gaine.
- 2 He shall be happie, death shall be erilde,
He shall not die, till he be twice a childe.
- 3 What thou dost desire thou shalt obtaine,
If prouidently you follow amaine.
- 4 If you meane a seruant to entertaine,
Prooue if he vse or no to lie and faine.
- 5 Such good gifts by nature in him shall be,
That he shall leue vertue and honestie.
- 6 Of frutes there shall be store, cozne shall be small,
And wine shall be dære, but grasse none at all.
- 7 This shall be courteous, soft, and verie kinde,
And beare to all a reasonable minde.
- 8 Thou dost so warily thy things dispose,
That it is vnpossible thou shouldest lose.
- 9 This man is of credit in all that he doth,
Indeede and in word he speaketh the truth.
- 10 Fortune hath fauourd him so often and much,
That none doth now enuie him, though he be rich.
- 11 Deale not with the rich, his wrath is thunder,
For 'tis only gould that can worke wonder.
- 12 The king that by succession gaines the crowne,
Is hardly remoued, and worse put downe.

- 1 To make a realme flourish in vnion,
There is no succession like a kings sonne.
- 2 If you will trauell your pretended way,
Then let me intreate you awhile to stay.
- 3 It is decreede to tell you I am bould,
Your skinne it shall neuer ware wzinkled old.
- 4 Let loue a loue, for so it is better,
Trouble not thy selfe, since thou canst not get her.
- 5 For to serue well, and so loyall to be,
'Tis an ill encounter, a priest to see.
- 6 Beare bp hard rumour, looke well to your tackle,
For the world and the flesh shall be your obstacle.
- 7 This same strange peere, oates, hay, grasse, and castell,
Shall hardly be bought, and much deerer sell.
- 8 This iudge is vnconstant, and so vnfit,
For onely to gaine he imployes his wit.
- 9 Doe what thou wilt, it is all labour lost,
It will be thy hindrance, and to thy cost.
- 10 Let him talke on, his words are no Gospell,
Scarce in a hundred one true he doth tell.
- 11 Let him take heed, be wise and spare no foyle,
Least in the end, his foes giue him the foyle.
- 12 An honest, louing, true, though a poore friend,
Is better far then a couetous fiend.

- 1 A rich mans loue is like to fortunes whæle,
Sometimes at the heart, and then at the heele.
- 2 Wee'll be a good husband, and take great care,
That liues in hope to be his maisters heyre.
- 3 Looke ere you leape, ere that danger begins,
But leape ere you looke, then bzeak both your thins.
- 4 This shall sure liue well vntill he be old,
Except in his youth he be ouer bold.
- 5 Let the malicious fret out their fill,
In spight of them all thou shalt haue thy will.
- 6 It will be no seruice, noz stand thee in stead,
To keep a puritane, at bozd and bed.
- 7 He loues with lasses to iest and to mocke,
I thinke he was lapt in his mothers smock.
- 8 All things this yeere will be reasonable,
Because the time hath bæn so seasonable.
- 9 This Iudge he is true and not trecherous,
Pet strangelý giuen to be couetous.
- 10 If that to another thou dost none ill,
Thy owne occasions will fall out well.
- 11 Thinke not that to thee for all his faire showes,
He speaks the one halfe of all that he knowes.
- 12 Thinke you are no Saint that you can liue so,
That malice and hate shall woꝝke you no woe.

- 1 Whom most you inuite to table dayly,
As your greatest foe and worst enemy.
- 2 True hearted loue hath at all no regard,
To pouertie, riches, bribes, or reward.
- 3 The elected King beares a good minde,
To keep all straight, and each thing in his kinde.
- 4 If that your trauell, you wisely employ,
You shall then returne with comfort and ioy.
- 5 Let him then at no time a good guard lacke,
For death is ready and stands at his backe.
- 6 Although thou obtaine not thy whole content,
Yet shalt thou haue well and sufficient.
- 7 If thou wilt be serued fit to thy minde,
Then from the countrie some pretty boy finde.
- 8 He shall with a most zealous conscience,
Loue vertue, learning, and all good science.
- 9 This is like to be a most pleasant yeare,
All things shall be good cheape, and nothing deare.
- 10 This couetous Iudge is a dangerous man,
And very hard to please doe what you can.
- 11 If concerning this cause you gouerne well,
Your gaine shall be great, thus much I can tell.
- 12 He hath a tongue light, quick, nimble and brieft,
And goes as fast as 'twere an Aspen leafe.

- 1 It shall be difficult to bring to passe,
In such a sort as he pretends the case.
- 2 Marke him well, as he goes from the stable,
And you shall see if he will be profitable.
- 3 Take thou now in hand any kind of thing,
For now thou hast got Fortune in a string.
- 4 He shall haue the credit he doth desire,
If that too proudly hee doe not aspire.
- 5 He will very hardly returne againe,
For by a false pyrat he shall be tane.
- 6 He shall sure die, as it is supposed,
Within his owne house as he is inclosed.
- 7 These two by their quarrelling shall betray,
Great ill in Bakdye, and most filthy play.
- 8 By thy good seruice and laborious paine,
Thou shalt great profit and reward obtaine.
- 9 She shall be solemne as a corps pined,
And wholly to religion inclined.
- 10 Begin nothing yet thou wouldst to passe bring,
For know there is a fit time for all thing.
- 11 This Iudge by iniustice although he seeme graue,
Shall to his ruine many enemies haue.
- 12 The thing thou hast lent, as I can perseuer,
Thou neuer art like againe to recouer.

- 1 What thou hast lent out, be not afraid,
It shall be againe most thankefully paid.
- 2 His enterprize he shall well bzing to passe,
And perfozme it well in euery case.
- 3 Be not too forwarde in this horse buying,
For a scuruie lade is but a bzingling.
- 4 Now Fortune begins to fauour thy state,
And further the thing thou wouldst be at.
- 5 Leaue the world and transitorie trouble,
For all her vanities are as a bubble.
- 6 Obserue not the winde for the faire wether,
She shall prosperously saile and safe come hether.
- 7 To haue still frequented ill company,
He shall all comfortlesse in the fields dye.
- 8 These two new married shall liue well and loue,
Observing each other like turtle donee.
- 9 Thou art like in seruice to end thy daies,
For Fortune fauoureth not well thy waies.
- 10 She shall be an huswife beyond all notch,
For in a countrey there shall not be such.
- 11 Be not so hastie, for that is a fault,
Your money is sure, soft fire makes sweet mault.
- 12 He shall generally beloued well be,
Because all men perceiue his honestie.

- 1 His haughtie pride it shall so high surmount,
He shall be hated, and of no accompt.
- 2 What thou didst lend, the partie would render,
He would faine if pouertie did not hinder.
- 3 He shall not doe the thing he would so faine,
The cost will be moze then he can maintaine.
- 4 Of this horse can no good seruice be made,
For he is I see a berie old iade.
- 5 Before that you depart, by my consent,
Looke well about you for feare you repent.
- 6 The moze cost the moze credit, but what than,
Hee's in an ill case, that is a pooze man.
- 7 This ship is in danger, being so tost,
As a thousand to one she will be lost.
- 8 Take you no care, when or where you shall die,
For all is Gods earth wherein you must lie.
- 9 Your good man will be doing he cannot hould,
To strike with the scabberd you may then be bould.
- 10 By his good seruice the world shall it see,
He will get libertie and be made free.
- 11 He shall be apter on ballets to looke,
Then to sing good things out of a Psalmes booke.
- 12 To vndertake oft, so difficult and hard,
The time is yet not fit nor well prepar'd.

- 1 No season can thee a better time yeelde,
If that for thy pleasure thou meane to build.
- 2 He shall be gentle, soft, and tractable,
And to all good things agreeable.
- 3 He hath a right good will, the debt to pay,
But a man can doe no moze then he may.
- 4 It shall effect with expedition,
And as he doth with it shall be done.
- 5 Take this horse if anie you meane to buye,
For a better is not in a countrie.
- 6 She loues thee well, therefore thou maiest chuse her,
I meane to marie, but not to abuse her.
- 7 He meetes with fortune in her chiefest prime,
For he shall rise great in verie short time.
- 8 The ship with faire winde sailes homeward amaine.
And shall bring her owners great profit and gaine.
- 9 As he desireth euen there he shall die,
And in the same place his bodie shall lie.
- 10 Their manie sweete babes, as time will approue,
Shall be the sure gages of their true loue.
- 11 He will by his seruice moze profit gaine,
Then he doth expect, for all his great paine.
- 12 How modest soeuer with her 'tis caried,
I know the lasse longs till she be married.

1 This

- 1 This graue gerle, I belæue ere all be done,
Will pzooue so religious as to turne nunne.
- 2 Begin not thy building I pray thee yet,
Foz neither the time noz season pzooues fit.
- 3 This is a why not, like an old beare unbaited,
Foz he liues mongst men neither loued noz hated.
- 4 Lookc what you lent, shall royally be paid,
And foz your kindnesse amends shall be made.
- 5 He shall now perfozme without all delay,
Eithcr part oz all, so much as he may.
- 6 Whosoener this hoꝛse doth chance to buye,
Shall haue cause to repent him presently.
- 7 With speede now fall to it, without delay,
Take time while time is, foz time will away.
- 8 Fortune it is said that she stands on a wheele,
Turning in a trice the head to the heele.
- 9 If this same ship to port returneth well,
She doth then Iasons voyage far excell.
- 10 The rich of the world they cannot endure,
To thinke of death, though to die they be sure.
- 11 They are both honest, and both doe liue well,
And those are happie that with them do dwell.
- 12 It will ere long, so come to passe,
To lose thy seruice foz breaking a glasse.

- 1 His seruice shall be so loyall and iust,
That to great p̄ferment come he nēdes must.
- 2 Iust from her parents she takes it by kinde,
To loue Bedfordsshire sport, you know my minde.
- 3 You may begin it euen when you will,
But to stay awhile it cannot be ill.
- 4 Because his iustice doth others excell,
The commons all doe loue him berie well.
- 5 What you haue lent, you may well bid adue,
The man is readie to borrow anew.
- 6 He shall most fully obtaine his desire,
And none shall oppose what he doth require.
- 7 'Tis an excellent horse, he bould and buye,
He shall well earne his price before he die.
- 8 Now follow thy fortune, if th̄rue thou wilt,
Dismay not, Rome in one day was not built.
- 9 He that mounts higher then fits his degré,
Shall be pointed at, a foole for to be.
- 10 It is a good ship, stiffe-sided and strong,
And therefore the sea can her not much wrong.
- 11 It is set downe, by thy natiuitie,
That where thou wast borne, there thou shalt die.
- 12 If their loyaltie doe long endure,
It will be wonder and aduenture.

1 Neither

- 1 Neither wife nor good man can better be,
A better couple did I neuer see.
- 2 He serued a good master, as now appeares plaine,
By whom he got credit, profit and gaine.
- 3 She is yet verie honest, but yet as I feele,
Shew'll learne verie soone the tricke of the heele.
- 4 This is an ill day, and a woeful hower,
To lay the ground worke of a happy tower.
- 5 Let pride then stretch himselfe neuer so taule,
We see very oft that pride gets a fall.
- 6 Beware of had I wist, and lend no more,
For this is gone, keepe well the rest therefore.
- 7 He may well wish, and still seeke thereafter,
But yet get iust mooneshine in the water.
- 8 Before thou buye him, make sure by triall,
For once monie paid ther's no deniall.
- 9 If thou goest forward with what thou pretendr,
Thou mai'st chance get reproofe to make amends.
- 10 Ambition and auarice in stead of gaine,
Shall make thee odious & hatefull remaine.
- 11 The ship by stormes tossing is growne so weake,
That she is in danger to sinke of a leake.
- 12 The towns or countrie, abroad or at home,
What neede we care where since death spareth none:
S Except

- 1 Except this mans fortune alter and change,
He shall die in a place foraine and strange.
- 2 I see in the world, for riches and pelfe,
There is no kindnesse, but each for himselfe.
- 3 Let his seruice be good, better or worse,
He may put his gaine in a bottomelesse purse.
- 4 His parente hee'll obay in all he can,
But yet by no meanes to be a Churchman.
- 5 To begin thy building in anie wise,
Another time chuse, I thee aduise.
- 6 Some shall loue him, and others shall him hate,
And some for him shall fall at great debate.
- 7 Take at all no care, befoze the time come,
For he shall truely pay you the whole some.
- 8 Those idle thoughts that so come in thy minde,
Are like to a wethercocke in the winde.
- 9 This horse is not good, I doe him not like,
Therefore refuse him, another seeke.
- 10 Inquire no further, nor slacke thou no time,
For that a good worke is alwaies in prime.
- 11 I doe not expect, nor doe not thinke it,
That he can rise to anie great credit.
- 12 Among a whole hundred one doth not scape,
And therefore I feare, she hath some ill happe.

1. Take

- 1 Take no care, for where so ere he sojourne,
He shall in health and safetie returne.
- 2 He shall vpon his owne territorie,
Forake and leaue this world transitorie.
- 3 A better match for loue there cannot be,
God send them long life and prosperitie.
- 4 He is gone to seruice, the which he doth finde,
More sweeter then freedome to please his minde.
- 5 This shall be honest, auoiding all strife,
Indeuouring still to leade a quiet life.
- 6 Now thou mai'st happely begin to day,
And without feare the first foundation lay.
- 7 For his true noblenesse, and great prudence,
All men shall haue him in great reuerence.
- 8 Lend not to such a one, but saue that cost,
For how much you lend, so much you haue lost.
- 9 Thou shalt obtaine euen at thy owne leasure,
All that thou wouldest, to thy own pleasure.
- 10 Take the horse they proffer thee now to sell,
For where ther's a better I know not well.
- 11 Be not dismaide like a cowardly abiect,
Though fortune prooue worse then thou dost expect.
- 12 If thou haue great friends thou then shalt obtaine,
For fauour not worth doth now a daies gaine.

- 1 For all his aspiring to mount so hie,
He may chaunce come down to base beggery.
- 2 The ship is now in the great ocean,
And in great perill of destruction.
- 3 In what countrie thou likest best to liue,
There thou must also thy last tribute giue.
- 4 The man of a cut lose that takes a shiuer,
His wife to an archer shall lend her quier.
- 5 By the great seruice that he doth pretend,
He is verie like his state for to amend.
- 6 Loues play is prettie, and she loues it well,
And better doth like it then I dare tell.
- 2 Yet stay a small while, and if that you may,
And then build to morrow, but not to day.
- 8 This iudge is hated, for of old said it is,
A man without mercie of mercie shall misse.
- 9 Be merrie then, for your debt take no care,
You shall haue it in coine currant and faire.
- 10 Yes I assure thee that all shall well goe,
Fortune is pleased to be thy foes foe.
- 11 He is of some most notozious vice sped,
Which yet is not knowne, and long hath beene hid.
- 12 Now time and tide doe both cor curre together,
Seruing to thy will either when or whether.

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- 1 The time seemes now to be agréable,
To haue Fortune good & fauourable.
- 2 'Tis no great matter that he doth desire,
And therefore hee's like to haue his desire.
- 3 The ship, her lading, and the company,
Shall all come to their port in safety.
- 4 Death shall haue no power vntill that thou be,
In the place of thy birth or Natiuitie.
- 5 These two true louers so faithfull they be,
That while they both liue, they both shall agree.
- 6 Thy parents leaue thee a seruant to be,
Or else to take what course best liketh thee.
- 7 This is inclined by true affection,
To a good conscience and religion.
- 8 The month of March will be the very best,
To begin thy building if build thou list.
- 9 He is gentle and of such discretion,
That he is loued of euery one.
- 10 It will not be rendred againe this yeare,
Except that you buy it at a price deare.
- 11 Leauē off the foolish loue thou wouldst be at,
Least that thou repent, when't will be too late.
- 12 This horse is not good, nor of the best kinde,
Therefore seeke elsewhere another to finde.

- 1 Looke well about you and aduised be,
 Before you take this horse be rul'd by me.
- 2 Goe now thou maist, enterprise any thing,
 For thy Fortune is good and fauouring.
- 3 In pursuite of his Fortunes let him on,
 For he shall get gold and reputation.
- 4 The Ship shall sure come, doe you not misseke,
 But the winde will be contrarie this weeke.
- 5 If in his countrie hee buried be,
 It is a great wonder, and strange to me.
- 6 Concerning the woman I dare not say,
 But the man is honest euery way.
- 7 To get his libertie I know not how,
 For friends and fortune will it not allow.
- 8 'Tis more fitting her disposition,
 To haue a husband then to turne anone.
- 9 If from my counsell thou wilt not varie,
 I then thee aduise a while to tarrie.
- 10 This Iudge shall be byright and very iust,
 But in his choller endure him you must.
- 11 The debt is sure, and in time will be had,
 With little law, for the partie is bad.
- 12 If thou loue credit, and thereof be precise,
 Then at any hand leaue this enterprise.

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- 1 The time as yet, doth neither fit nor sozt,
To begin any thing of great import.
- 2 An euill conscience is euer dismaide,
And to heare of death is alwaies afraid.
- 3 He that from his ill doing abstaine will,
Shall be sure of good in leauing the ill.
- 4 Follow on thy suite this office to gaine,
For I am most sure thou shalt it obtaine.
- 5 This traoueller with great labour and paine,
Shall at the last, his wished port obtaine.
- 6 He shall die well because he liued so,
For of a good life, there can come no woe.
- 7 'Twere better a little to hide thy grieffe,
Then to be iealous, and get no reliefe.
- 8 There is no doubt, but that heale it will,
But if he launce it, it shall him kill.
- 9 Of all the pleasures that a man can proue,
There is not one equall to sweetlipt loue.
- 10 This worke doth plainly seeme finisht to be,
But that it was well wrought you may see.
- 11 This is a Priest that for profit doth seeke,
But to preach or to teach he is not leeke.
- 12 He would faire pay well but as I suppose,
Where nothing is to be had the King must lose.

- 1 By his good wit, iudgement, and diligence,
He shall in brieft get of you acquittance.
- 2 A better season cannot be had,
To begin any thing that's good or bad.
- 3 If that thy life be religious and right,
Thy end shall be honour, and death delight.
- 4 Be you not dismaide, but be of good chère,
Although it fall out a very ill yeare.
- 5 Take opportunitie, for slow no time,
But follow thy businesse while it is prime.
- 6 He shall light on such an unluckie place,
That he shall be made a slaue very base.
- 7 Death vnto all men is bitter and sower.
But vnto the wicked it is a worse howler.
- 8 Be not Jealous, nor misdoubt not thy wife,
For she shall be true all daies of her life.
- 9 Take kitchin physicke for so he shall mend,
For the Doctor his drugges are to no end.
- 10 For all your delights and sports whatsoeuer,
For slow not the Church nor preaching neuer.
- 11 This house is built strong and substantiall,
You neede not doubt that euer it will fall.
- 12 This noble prelate of whom you enquire,
Is worthy the best seate for his due hire.

- 1 If I should speake truth, and tell the veritie,
He is not woꝛthy of fuch a dignitie.
- 2 He will be a spend'all, marke what I say,
He loues to receiue but neuer to pay.
- 3 This is an ill time that now we are in,
With any great woꝛke to mell oꝛ begin.
- 4 When once a man is dead, you then shall know,
Whether he were beloued, yea oꝛ no.
- 5 Haile not on Foꝛtune, if that it appeare,
That without some losse thou put off this yeere.
- 6 Pursue and folloꝛ foꝛ he that may best,
Shall neuer refuse to yeeld thy request.
- 7 Though that the partie be lustie and strong,
He will be in danger to die ere long.
- 8 Fate pretends that on the water thou shalt dye,
Wherefoꝛe leaue the waters, and walke on the dry.
- 9 Hee'll neuer be serued right in his kinde,
Till he be made Cuckold, this is my minde.
- 10 He must needs now die, beleue you it me,
And so after him, the like must all we.
- 11 It is good to hunt in a pleasant place,
And folloꝛ the spoꝛt with a well mouthed chase.
- 12 It were not good I thinke to let it rest,
But to repaire a little were the best.

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1 This

- 1 This building hath been very well suruaid,
And by a good workeman finishd and made.
- 2 He is well woꝛthy of good pꝛeferment,
Foz his liuing so chaste and continent.
- 3 He hath very good meanes to render all,
But he will not heare, and his wit is small.
- 4 'Tis now a good time to doe a good thing,
And therefore attempt to doe thy wishing.
- 5 To liue well endeavour and doe what you can,
And so you shall die a most happy man.
- 6 Thou hast a good foꝛtune now foz this yeeꝛe,
But foz all the rest, it doth not appeare.
- 7 Leauē thou off this pleasure, foz else I am sure,
That it is like with cost long to indure.
- 8 If this traueiler had beens discret and wise,
He had not begun such an enterpise.
- 9 Upon thy deathbed remember thou maist,
That there like a candle thy life must waste.
- 10 If he be iealous, 'tis without cause why,
Foz he euer hath liued most honestly.
- 11 Foz this time he shall recouer perhaps,
But then let him take heede of the relapse.
- 12 Take thy pleasure be merry and quiet,
And aboue all keepe thou a good diet.

- 1 To relieue thy spirits, and procure ease,
 Reade on some good booke that may thy mind please.
- 2 For such kinde of stufte, the worke is not ill,
 And so well may fit a man of his skill.
- 3 This godlesse shepheard of all his pooze flockes,
 Will not haue the tenth, but all their whole lockes.
- 4 Couetousnes hath made his heart so hard,
 That by no pittie it will be repaired.
- 5 Be perswaded that there is difference,
 And in houres and daies a strong influence.
- 6 A man most vilde, treacherous and subtile,
 And therefore a most vile end haue he will.
- 7 Before this yeere be fully at an end,
 Fortune by misfortune will thee offend.
- 8 You shall obtaine it with little adoe,
 And yet I thinke you must pay for it too.
- 9 This traueller I see he will be gone,
 And come to take his leaue of vs anone.
- 10 A valiant heart will mickle paines endure,
 Not fearing death or what they can procure.
- 11 Thy iealousie when once I shall be knowne,
 Will procure each to call thee John a drone.
- 12 This patient for all his busie care,
 Had surely need his winding sheete prepare.

- 1 He shall be sound and haue his health againe,
If he will be rul'd with a temperate vaine.
- 2 Of all the games for health that vsed be,
Shooting is the best and the most comely.
- 3 Here is great cost in this building within,
And all is lost and scarcely worth a pin.
- 4 The people may be pleased and content,
To haue so good a superintendent.
- 5 If he take counsell and guide well his geere,
It will be easie to quit him this yeere.
- 6 If for thy pleasure thou wilt ought begin,
This is a fit time which now we are in.
- 7 If with aduice his businesse he decree,
It may succede well for ought I can see.
- 8 This time will be troublesome, hard and deare,
But the recompence shall be the next yeare.
- 9 So is thy loue in all their hearts planted,
That what thou dost sue for shall be granted.
- 10 This man his busines doth wisely carrie,
And in his doings, he is very warie.
- 11 When time hath wasted what nature hath fed,
He then shall yeeld, and so die in his bed.
- 12 'Tis a long report and would be dismiss,
For his wife is true and very honest.

- 1 If he be ielous, it is then her hell,
For his wife is honest and loues him well.
- 2 This sicknesse so lingring, it will dos the deede,
Therefore looke to it, for so you had needs.
- 3 The tenise court, foote ball, and the wastling,
Is for young mens health a verie good thing.
- 4 This faire new building, like a painted sheath,
Will soone come to ruine and moulder beneath.
- 5 This paultrie prelate, unworthie his place,
Were better imployd in some other case.
- 6 As good acquit them, as call such to law,
That for a mans monie cannot giue straw.
- 7 This houre is not good, therefore refuse,
And forbear a while, a better to chuse.
- 8 He is counted happie, and well may swimme,
That by good meanes is held vp by the chin.
- 9 This yeere shall be ill, vncoustant, and strange,
And euerie moment subiect to change.
- 10 Aske him now any thing what thou thinkest fit,
For sure not denying he shall graunt it.
- 11 'Tis a foule voyage, although a faire winde,
That leaues his wife & his children behind.
- 12 The graue for the quicke, it doth serue moze fit,
Then for the dead that is buried in it.

- 1 When he hath liued a faire old age, then he
Shall die, and die to liue eternally.
- 2 Thou dost her great wrong so ielous to be,
Which will make her worse, and so cuckold thee.
- 3 He shall die soone, let them doe all their best,
And after him too, so shall all the rest.
- 4 To discourse with maidens it is a pleasure,
Take heed you touch not the box of their treasure.
- 5 Of this house the ending and situation,
Is far more stately then the foundation.
- 6 This prelates knauerie may alter the case,
That he may well be thrust out of his place.
- 7 Although he had wholly the meanes and power,
Yet would he neuer doe his endeuour.
- 8 Begin nothing now, but take my counsell,
If that you doe meane to haue it goe well.
- 9 'Tis verie hard to know by any skill,
Whether a mans end shall be good or ill.
- 10 After all thy wearie labour and paine,
Fortune shall once make thee happie againe.
- 11 By thy owne meanes thou wilt not obtaine it,
Except some friend doe helpe thee to gaine it.
- 12 This traveller of whom you so enquire,
Shall verie soone returne as you desire.

1 This

- 1 This trauellet, though far he doth sojourne,
Yet shall he againe most safely returne.
- 2 If thou be pursued, flie and doe not yeeld,
And follow wars, for thou must die in field.
- 3 Belæue not reporte, which oft are vntrue,
And so, much wrong doth ielousie ensue.
- 4 They shall recouer, and be sound againe,
And the better after in health remaine.
- 5 To play at the chesse, is a pleasant game,
So you can forbear to chafe at the same.
- 6 I can say nothing, for ought that I see,
For I see nothing reprooued to be.
- 7 This partie is honest, prudent, and sage,
Yet some at him by spight are in a rage.
- 8 He shall acquit and cleere himselfe of thall,
And royally pay his creditours all.
- 9 Take my aduise, doe any thing begin,
For the time is good that thou art now in.
- 10 If thou doest perseuere in honestie,
Thy life shall be good, and thy end happie.
- 11 Whether for credit, or profit it be,
This is the peere shall doe good vnto thee.
- 12 The time is not good by my consent,
Except you mend it by bribe, or present.

- 1 If thou dost it pursue courageously,
Thou shalt it then obtaine assuredly.
- 2 This traoueller may well himselfe beguile,
For hee's verie like to die in exile.
- 3 He is like a verie strange death to die,
Except fortune alter his destinie.
- 4 Be not toyous, nor of a iellous minde,
For so thou shalt trouble and sorrow finde.
- 5 If that with speede remedie be not had,
He is in danger, and that verie bad.
- 6 To vaunt and wastle, and play at the fence,
Doth shew a mans courage, ballour & fence.
- 7 As yet where the foundation must be laid,
Is not well guided, nor deepe enough made.
- 8 Let him now dissemble all that he can,
He is fitter for war, then a Church-man.
- 9 All that he borrowes, whatsoeuer that he say,
He nee'r will be able againe to pay.
- 10 To enterprize what now thou dost intend,
Shall neuer prosper, beginning nor end.
- 11 Oftentimes through false trecherous entrie,
Men lose their goods and themselves doe die.
- 12 If that in this, fortune thy turne doe serue,
In some other thing, as far she will serue.

1 This

- 1 This according to the reuolution,
Shall haue fortune in good constitution.
- 2 Relie not on promise or what is said,
For then thou art like to be colened.
- 3 He vndertakes the iourney with ill will,
Which may well prooue a cause his life to spill.
- 4 He needes must die, and helpe there shall be none,
For his naturall course shall not hould on.
- 5 Be not ielous, but by plaine prooofe truely,
For else the whole shame shall redownd to thee.
- 6 He shall recouer though it a while stay,
And physicke must be his readiest way.
- 7 Those of the best nature and sweetest minde,
Are euer the most to musicke inclinde.
- 8 This worke thus ended as now 'tis begun,
Will be rich and stately to looke vpon.
- 9 There's want of no wit, or weakenesse of minde,
But all for the worst, being so inclinde.
- 10 He shall pay all without molestation,
And liue with the rest in good reputation.
- 11 This is a good time for anie to prooue,
For working effect, if they be in loue.
- 12 Intend well and doe well, then good shall be,
Or else my iudgement deteineth me.

- 1 Loue to doe good, to vertue be friend,
So shalt thou liue well, and make a good end.
 - 2 The more thou takes care thy fortune to know,
The more she is crosse, and oft proueth slow.
 - 3 We bould to attempt and make thy request,
And all shall fall out to thee for the best.
 - 4 This traueller, he shall be so frugall,
That with content, returne againe he shall.
 - 5 Leane worldly care, and conetousnesse flie,
Least thou leane all, and so suddenly die.
 - 6 Be not so ielous to giue thy wife blame,
Least that in the end thou do reape the shame.
 - 7 Neuer expect thou long to abide it,
Except wisely thou doe better guide it.
 - 8 At dice and at cards a gamester to be,
Is fit for foles that are of no degree.
 - 9 This worke is well wrought, and with great cunning.
And so is like to proue verie lasting.
 - 10 This man is learned and of great prudence,
Bearing in all things a good conscience.
 - 11 Though he absent himselfe, yet he will pay,
And onely a little time you must stay.
 - 12 If that with reason intreate thee I may,
Then I aduise thee, keepe thy house this day.
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- 1 The thing of which you so much doe enquire,
Will neuer be finish't to your desire.
- 2 This man's hated, wherefoze I cannot tell,
But I know that ill will neuer spake well.
- 3 What you expect you shall obatine and get,
By a happie houre that shall perfozme it.
- 4 Let him doe his best, and goe where he will,
He shall be sure to be talked on still.
- 5 Make him a cobbler, or carrier of packes,
For you may worke him as if it were ware.
- 6 By his melancolly sadnesse and cold,
He shall soone grow gray and seeme very old.
- 7 He shall looke moze, to get riches and gould,
Then in the wars honour a thousand sould.
- 8 This diseased shall pine doe what you can,
And till the spring be a verie sicke man.
- 9 In stead of imployment, giue him a bell,
For he can neither speake, nor tell message well.
- 10 His intent is good, what he doth pretend,
And being followed, shall haue a good end.
- 11 This is a good priest for tables or lurch,
Moze fitter for the pot, then for the Church.
- 12 He is generally ill beloued of all,
For being a miser, and bad withall.

- 1 He shall be gallant, franke and liberall,
Hauing a heart most noble and royall,
- 2 This thing that is now in preparation,
Shall end with praise and commendation.
- 3 He is well thought of, and hated of none,
But hath the good will of euerie one.
- 3 I doe but muse still, and doe what I can,
What should meane the dreame of a waking man.
- 5 The thing that he seeks, he now shall obtaine,
Though none in his countrie doth prophet remaine.
- 6 He is too haughtie, a long gone to weare,
And far fitter in felde to breake a speare.
- 7 No kinde of trouble shall him so molest,
But fortune shall turne it all to the best.
- 8 This same shall be a man gallant and graue,
And all his designs good effect shall haue.
- 9 For his ill disease let him take no grieffe,
For within short time he shall haue reliefe.
- 10 This messenger's trustie, secret and true,
Therefore imploy him I doe aduise you.
- 11 Now fortune fauours thee all that she may,
Take time while time is for time will away.
- 12 He shall for his deedes so prouident be,
That men shall wonder his good lucke to see.

1 This

- 1 This man's not fit a gouernour to line,
That's alwayes taking, and doth neuer giue.
- 2 He shall with such riot his money spend,
As though his bags would neuer haue an end.
- 3 What thou intend' it will be but labour lost,
For Fortune is bent that thou shalt be crost.
- 4 Destinies and fate doe it so ordaine,
That hated of many he shall remaine.
- 5 Who boldly vnder takes more then is fit,
Shall lose his labour, and spend his wit.
- 6 Where that thou wast borne, there great thou shalt be,
And so rule the place with authoritie.
- 7 He is very graue by nature and kinde,
And to be a church man is well inclin'd.
- 8 By some strange meanes that to him is fatall,
His death shall meere be accidentall.
- 9 For this prettie child, I dare vnder take,
That it a most gallant souldier shall make.
- 10 And if that with speed some help be not got,
They are like to remaine long time sick God wot.
- 11 This messenger is an idle prater,
Therefore to trust him there is great danger.
- 12 Thy spirits are mounted too much aloft,
Therefore thy enterprise shall come to nought.

- 1 The thing thou now dost in thy heart pretend,
Doe follow, for it shall haue a good end.
 - 2 He shall be prouident for night and day,
If voluptuousnes bring him not astray.
 - 3 Aboue the most men and in generall,
He shall be courteous, wise, and liberall.
 - 4 This enterprize good, it shall not goe wrong,
But haue a good end though that it be long.
 - 5 For speciall good all men approue him,
And as he is, so doe all men loue him.
 - 6 He may be happy, for what he doth craue,
So fortune allotteth that he shall haue.
 - 7 Goe to the court is best if thou intend,
In any good sort thy busines to end.
 - 8 In time you shall him a great grand panch see,
And so fit an Abbey lubber to bee.
 - 9 He shall haue no let but well he may liue,
So long as his nature will vigour giue.
 - 10 He shall be forward and of a good sprite
And all but onely for a carpet knight.
 - 11 For health Doctor Diet is your best cure,
And by Doctor Quiet you shall be sure.
 - 12 He is of himselfe, milde, gentle and good,
Except with anger they make him starke wood.
- I ensure

- 1 I ensure thee this messenger is wise,
No bragging prater or forger of lies.
- 2 If thou hast hope of thy sute to be sped,
Then take good aduice and runne not on head.
- 3 His gouernement shall be bpzight and true,
God grant with vs he may long continu.
- 4 He shall be sparing yet not very scant,
But onely frugall to keepe away want.
- 5 This busnesse by good friends and industrie,
May end very well and prosperously.
- 6 Through faults the world doth so much detect him,
That no honest minde can well affect him.
- 7 It were a great folly to hope too much,
Then let it suffice, the matter is such.
- 8 It is onely the warres that must grace thee,
For all the residue will deface thee.
- 9 It is contrarie to his complexion,
To rest and liue in contemplation.
- 10 By his owne procure, his life it shall end,
In some great fault he iustice shall offend.
- 11 He shall not the warres, or garboiles require,
But to liue quiet shall be his desire.
- 12 If he take not courage and a good heart,
It will be long or ere this sicknes part.

1 What

- 1 Whatsoever remedy may be had,
This sicknes will be long, grienous, and bad.
- 2 Mistrust him not this messenger is true,
And the fittest man could hap to you.
- 3 Thy enterprize is vertuous and stable,
Therefoze it shall haue an end profitable.
- 4 His honest vertuous life it shall be such,
As he shall prosper and grow very rich.
- 5 He shall wast much, and yet rest with content,
For that he spends shall be honestly spent.
- 6 Leau off to desire, for it will not be,
For yet come to good, I assure thee.
- 7 By louing well, loue is gotten with gaine,
And by doing well, men happy remaine.
- 8 The thing you expect, though long yet at last,
You shall enioy part, so hope well thou maist.
- 9 There is in this man no signe of vertue,
And therefoze no credit to him is due.
- 10 With all the ill conditions thou seest,
He were very fit to be made a Priest.
- 11 Take heed of wenching for that is the thing,
That most shall hinder, and thy conscience sting.
- 12 As it is expected, so hee shall be,
Full of great valour and actiuitie.

1 This

- 1 This childe if it haue good education,
Will come to be of good reputation.
- 2 Though that this sicknesse be grienous and strong,
Assure you your selfe it shall not last long.
- 3 I insure you this is a verie knaue,
Therefore let him with you no credit haue.
- 4 You are verie venturous, yet take good heed,
Lest that you chance make moze hast then god spæd.
- 5 A better gouernment there could not be,
If he did not couet all he doth see.
- 6 Of his friends he will get but a small share,
And yet of his friends he shal make no spare.
- 7 If the builder liue, the building shall be
Perfozmed to an end, most gallantly.
- 8 Be warie and watch well thy owne affaires,
For t'is not like to passe without some cares.
- 9 The thoughts of an asse, and a foolish mind,
Are well as constant as the wauering wind.
- 10 Stay not at home, but like a lustie blood,
Wenter abroad, for that must doe thee good.
- 11 And if that he a Churchman should be made,
He would soone cast his gowne for a new trade.
- 12 By time, mans time growes short, and so away,
In time then thinke how thou maist liue for aye.

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- 1 By daily erreſſe thy life thou doſt ſpend,
and by it doſt haſten thee to thy end.
- 2 Make him rather prieſt then a man of war,
For he can better ſing, then fight by far.
- 3 Take heed of all things, and tell not a lie,
For that will liue ever and neuer die.
- 4 This for monie is a couetous wretch,
But honeſtly to liue he cares not much.
- 5 Follow thy purpoſe, with might and with maine.
And it ſhall end to thy profit and gaine.
- 6 He ſhall neuer his office well performe,
Except from his couetouſneſſe he turne.
- 7 He ſhall be neere and in deuotion ſo could,
That he ſhall honour no God but his gould.
- 8 Begin and trie your concluſion;
It ſhall neuer be but a confuſion.
- 9 Thou art ſo teafie, and captious beſide,
That all doe hate thee, none can thee abide.
- 10 His hope ſhall be hopeleſſe, thus much I know,
For hope is a fancie, that oft breeds woe.
- 11 Let him ſpend his time and goe where he will,
Hee'll get no credit, but be a ſoule ſtill.
- 12 Let him be ſerſtone, or clarke at the moſt,
For he would make but a verie bad prieſt.

- 1 The world is his God, and Gold his Hammon,
Which he loues better then all Religion.
- 2 Couetousnesse will be thy vtter fall,
And so soone procure thee ruine of all.
- 3 Now in his youth you may plainly obserue,
That in the wars, he shall gallantly serue.
- 4 If he be young, the disease man soone mend,
If he old, 'twill languish to the end.
- 5 He is a messenger loyall and true,
Yet something fantasticke, I may tell you.
- 6 Begin thy suite, and follow it with speed,
For that thou shalt haue it, it is decreed.
- 7 If wisely thou gouerne thy words and waies,
Thou wilt then get good friends at all assaies.
- 8 Let him alone, for so he will spend it,
Alwaies to spare somewhat as God doth send it.
- 9 This building verie soone shall finish't be,
To the owners great praise, as you shall see.
- 10 Thou art beloued of great and small,
And verie well commended of them all.
- 11 Hope well and haue well, for so it shall be,
And what thou hopest for shall be giuen thee.
- 12 'Tis not likely that good should him betide,
That dare not venture from his fire side.

- 1 Let him wander South and North, East and West,
He shall be but a begger at the best.
- 2 This shall loue better a bootie to seeke,
Then either to learne good Latine or Greeke.
- 3 'Tis surely wzough, ttherefoze we haue no need,
To make moze hast then will well pzooue good speed.
- 4 He shall be a man exceeding so farre,
That none shall surpasse him in feates of warre.
- 5 This sicknes whereof resolved you would be,
Is like soz to pzooue a long maladie.
- 6 This messenger beares a good honest face,
Yet take good heed hee doe you no disgrace.
- 7 Take now my counsell to leaue and desist,
Least thou doe repent thee, with had I wist.
- 8 This is a pzoud pzelate most speciall,
And as well learned as none of them all.
- 9 If he had thousands it were to no end,
Foz all he can get, he doth idely spend.
- 10 This longsome woꝝke as thou dost it pretend,
Is not likely yet to come to an end.
- 11 Thou wilt be so busie that in the end,
Thou shalt turne thy friends to be thy vnfriend.
- 12 Thou shalt frustrate of thy desires remaine,
Yet a good recompence thou shalt obtaine.

- 1 If with labour he please among the throng,
He shall get what hope hath promised him long.
- 2 At home and abroad, by sea and by land,
He shall still get credit, and great command.
- 3 Though he be vntoward, and of ill birth,
Yet hee'll be learned and of very good worth.
- 4 He shall kill himselfe labouring like a horse,
For he wants wit and of himselfe remorse.
- 5 This skip-iacke is farre better made to daunce,
Then to leade a battell in Spaine or France.
- 6 If that they doe meane his health to procure,
Himselfe must then speedie physick endure.
- 7 This is a good honest, and a true fellow,
And in diligence quick as a swallow.
- 8 Pursue thy best, it shall succeed thee well,
For fortune will help thee, this I can tell.
- 9 He would command well, and gouerne aright,
And 'twere not for hugging with Venus all night.
- 10 Of that he hath he spareth not at all,
But with great bounty is most liberall.
- 11 This thing may yet very well ended be,
By care, diligence, and good industrie.
- 12 His friends are not from him so farre exiled,
But if he please, they may be reconciled.

- 1 Thy greatest vnfriend that thou hast this day,
As thy neereſt allied, marke what I ſay.
- 2 Now that I muſt end towards my farewell,
Thou ſhalt haue thy wiſh, accept what I tell.
- 3 Seeke credit or honour farre from this place,
For in thy countrey thou nee'r ſhalt get grace.
- 4 This younglings manners doth ſo well grace him,
That it were pittie at all to deface him.
- 5 He that liues by right and doth God feare,
Neede not for deathes comming take any care.
- 6 He is inclined as well you may ſee,
A cogger and a true coward to be.
- 7 This ſicknes to mend, take help of the Cooke,
For ſo I doe find in th'end of my Booke.
- 8 This meſſenger being the laſt of all,
Shall proue moſt true and very loyall.
- 9 For this enterpriſe I ſtand in great doubt,
'Twill haue hard ſucceſſe befoze th'end come out.
- 10 If wiſely he beare himſelfe in this caſe,
It will fall out to his credit and grace.
- 11 He is moze liberall then fits his degree,
Since hee's come of yeres his owne man to be.
- 12 Behold with labour my booke ends you ſee,
And ſo muſt you labour elle'twill not be.

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